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Kissinger advocates military presence

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UAE calls for return of islands

MANAMA, Bahrain Jan. 3 (AP) - A United Arab Emirates leader issued Saturday a "get tough" call to the Arabs...

Jordan explains position on M.E.

By Fawzi Asmar and Bob Lebling Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 - In its first formal contact with the incoming U.S. administration, Jordan has spelled out its conditions for joining in the Middle East peace process...

\$5b for poorer states Arab fund discussed

KUWAIT, Jan. 3 (AP) - A conference of the finance ministers from five Arab states opened here Saturday to consider apportioning a \$5 billion fund among poorer Arab States.

U.N. confirms butchery

BEIRUT, Jan. 3 (AP) - The United Nations has confirmed that Israeli forces blew apart the bodies of five Palestinian commandos shortly after they were killed in a shootout in southern Lebanon on Christmas Day.

SIDF loans SR1.3b

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA) - Loans disbursed in fiscal 1980 by the Saudi Industrial Development Fund reached SR1.3 billion for 125 projects.

Barre condemns Carter inaction

MOGADISHU, Jan. 3 (R) - Somali President Muhammad Siad Barre has said the lack of prompt action by President Carter had created instability in the strategic Horn of Africa.



HIT BY FLOOD: A view of Sangiang village in Majalengka district of West Java, hit by flood and landslide Friday night leaving more than 110 persons dead, a 100 more injured and 50 others missing.

In Saudi Arabia Japan to promote 'rain'

TOKYO, Jan. 3 (AFP) - The Japanese famous for fighting their way into difficult export markets, now want to bring rain to Saudi Arabia. A Japanese company is seeking backing from Saudi Arabia for the scheme which would involve the use of a giant tent.

Lebanese army moves into southern suburb

BEIRUT, Jan. 3 (AFP) - The Lebanese army Saturday began moving back into a southern Beirut suburb which it had abandoned last November after clashes between rival Christian factions.

Yamani opens meetings on resources today

JEDDAH, Jan. 3 (SPA) - Mineral resources ministers from 12 Arab countries came to meet here Sunday to draw up a program for the Arab Organization for Mineral Resources for the new year.

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## Prince Fahd announces Villages plan studied

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd said the government is preparing plans to provide all villages of the country with services now available in towns.

"We are quite serious about wanting to achieve this objective," he said in an interview with *Al-Nadwa* Saturday. "This will enable the citizens in the village to settle down and work as farmers or artisans and thus contribute to national production wherever they may be instead of having large concentrations of people in the towns." Since the people like to work and live where they were born and brought up, this would enable them to achieve these goals, he said.

The Kingdom has great potential for agricultural output and it is the intention of the government to provide all the facilities and incentives for the farmers to till the land and produce more until we are able to dispense with imported foodstuffs, Prince Fahd said, at the same time the government is engaged in building roads leading to the farming lands to make it easier and cheaper for the farmers to transport their produce to the markets. It is also organizing modern methods of irrigation to ensure a steady supply of water.

Together with these services the government is building schools, hospitals and power stations so farmers may find everything they

## Phone plan calls for line expansion

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA) — More than 450,000 new telephone lines will be installed under the Third Development Plan said Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, minister of posts, telephones and telegraph. Another 150,000 lines will be added by the end of the plan, he confirmed.

Riyadh's share of the new lines will be 70,000 to bring to a quarter of a million the total number of telephone lines in the capital. Jeddah and Dammam will get approximately the same ratio, the minister said. Moreover, some 300 Saudi villages will be connected to the telephone network by 1985. Aerial networks in new district in cities also will be replaced by underground cables to provide more stability for telephone lines.

Dr. Kayyal said the microwave project is already covering a 10,000 kilometer distance with 35,000 sound channels and two television channels. It is particularly useful in contacts with neighboring countries like Kuwait and Bahrain. Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan and Syria are about to be hooked to the microwave system. A fourth satellite station is also planned in Saudi Arabia to bring to 3,000 the total number of long distance call channels, enabling 3,000 persons to call the outside world simultaneously.

want at home, settle down, and till the land. "We are the only country in the world that is spending large amounts of money for incentives to agriculture, industry and construction," he said.

During the recent visit of King Khalid to Qasim and Hail regions, the Crown Prince discussed with officials the possibility of building cold stores to help farmers stock their produce and perishable commodities so that they may then sell them at reasonable rates, he said.

Prince Fahd reiterated the Kingdom's adherence to the Islamic Sharia and said the Islamic people will never triumph without it. "Islamic solidarity," he said, "has been our clear and unwavering line of conduct since it was adopted by King Faisal." It is not our intention to lead the rest of the Islamic world, but to promote its unity, he added.

He attributed the decline of the Islamic people to their adoption of materialistic ideologies which they wrongly thought would be better for them. "They made a mistake," he said, "because the Sharia was a comprehensive system that clearly points out right and wrong."

Prince Fahd said he is proud of the Kingdom's adherence to the religion with which God has honored it and will continue to adhere strictly to it.

Prince Fahd said the government is maintaining its program to build a modern and strong army which will be its bulwark against aggression. He called on the people to join the armed forces and contribute to the defense of their religious and homeland.

He said, Saudi Arabia is unique in its state of security and stability. "This was testified by United Nations reports about internal security," he said. "This happy state is due to the application of the Sharia and the government's concern about the safety and security of the citizens."

## Traffic officials plan car auction

By a staff writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 3 — Jeddah Traffic Department announced that it will get rid of more than 1,000 cars impounded in a public auction unless the owners come to claim their cars by Jan. 6.

In a statement by the department, Lt. Col. Assad Abdul Karim, director of Jeddah Traffic, said the department will go ahead with its decision Jan. 7. He said that these vehicles are in good shape and that the department will undertake all the necessary procedures for the transfer of ownership to the purchasers. The move will encourage buyers.



FOLK DANCE: Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah — flanked by Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman and other princes — perform a tribal dance at the celebrations given for King Khalid and his party in Hail earlier in the week.

## To discuss joint programs

# Gulf health ministers meet

MANAMA, Jan. 3 (SPA) — The 10th conference of Gulf Ministers of Health opened here Saturday attended by Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait, the UAE and Oman.

The three-day conference will discuss Gulf joint programs production in health education, fighting malaria, smoking, nutrition control and inspection of mineral waters. The conference's agenda includes discussion of a proposed regional college or higher studies institute on the branches of general health and other issues.

Bahraini Health Minister Dr. Ali Muhammad Fakhru addressed the opening session by calling for immediate and comprehensive moves to achieve the designed targets in political, economic, security, social, cultural and technology fields. Dr. Fakhru said his country believes that cooperation in all fields among Arab states is vital for progress of the Arab world. He expressed his hope that the conference would undertake wise decisions that fulfill the requirement of the historic period the region is passing through.

Iraqi Health Minister Dr. Riad Ibrahim Hussain spoke on the achievements of the previous conferences regarding further cooperation between Gulf states in the field of preventive medicine and rehabilitation.

Dr. Hussain also said the last conference prepared reports on fighting malaria, cancer treatment, environment protection, health care, rehabilitation of the handicapped and equipping hospitals. He said he hoped that the conference would implement these reports to realize their objectives.

Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazaeri

arrived here Friday to lead the Kingdom's delegation to the Arab Gulf health ministers conference. He said, the ministers will exchange views on their respective experiences and try to find common solutions to their problems. They also will study a number of joint projects and the standardization of health systems.

Later, the participants in the conference were received by Sheikh Issa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa, the ruler of Bahrain. The audience was attended by Sheikh Khalifa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa, Bahraini premier; Sheikh Muhammad ibn Mubarak Al-Khalifa, the foreign minister; and other senior officials.

## Briefs

### Murderer beheaded

ABHA, Jan. 3 (SPA) — A convicted murderer, Ali ibn Hassan ibn Halia, was beheaded here Friday after the noon prayers at Bihar square. An Interior Ministry spokesman said that the penalty was carried out after Halia confessed before the Sharia Court to having killed Nasser ibn Mishi Antoun.

### Governor thanks King

HAIL, Jan. 3 (SPA) — Hail Governor Prince Muqren cabled his thanks Friday to King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd, on behalf of the people of Hail, for their visit to the area. The King and his party returned to Riyadh Thursday from a one week tour of Qasim and Hail regions.

### Moroccan minister arrives

RIYADH, Jan. 3 (SPA) — Moroccan Interior Minister Idris Al-Basri arrived here from Jeddah Saturday. He was met at the airport by Prince Ahmad, the deputy minister of interior, and other officials of the ministry. Basri arrived in Jeddah Friday on a few-days visit to the Kingdom.

### Flights closer to schedule

JEDDAH, Jan. 3 — Saudia flights departing within 15 minutes of schedule reached 80.8 per cent during the month of November according to a report released by the airline. The figure exceeds Saudia's target for 1980 by 0.8 per cent. The figure is just 0.3 per cent less than that of the same period last year, despite the 51 per cent increase of flight since then.

### Nazer arrives in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (SPA) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer arrived here Saturday on a 19-day visit to the United States. Sheikh Nazer will give two lectures on the Kingdom's economy and third five-year development plan in Houston and San Francisco. The minister also will meet businessmen.

### Lecture to be given

DAMMAM, Jan. 3 (SPA) — Muhammad Hussein Zaidan, editor of *Al-Daraj* magazine and a prominent commentator, will give a lecture under the title of "The Arab Island" Sunday. The lecture will be held at King Faisal University's Faculty of Medicine and Medical Sciences. The lecture is part of KFUSU's cultural season activities.

### Hostel to open

DAMMAM, Jan. 3 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi will dedicate the youth hostel of Dammam Sunday. The hostel accommodates 200 inmates and has sports facilities, administration building, a movie theater, a stage and a restaurant. This is third youth hostel to open in one month under the youth welfare plan to build youth hostels across the Kingdom. The other two were opened in Jeddah and Riyadh.

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Asr	3.31	3.27	2.58	
Maghreb	5.53	5.48	5.19	
Isha	7.23	7.18	6.49	

## Oil executive considered for U.S. ambassador post

By Aziz Shihab  
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Jan. 3 — Jack Crichton, a Texas oilman with extensive business interests in the Arab world, is the leading candidate for the post of Ambassador to Saudi Arabia in President-elect Ronald Reagan's government.

During an interview in his office in Dallas, Texas, Crichton said he had been notified by Reagan's transition team that he was recommended for the diplomatic post. "I think I could be of service to both the United States and Saudi Arabia," Crichton said. "Especially since I know many of the Saudi Arabian leaders and I know the attitudes of the people and their desires for their country and their people."

"Since the United States is dependent to a large degree on Saudi Arabia to serve its fluctuating energy needs," he continued, "ours is a relationship that has to be carefully nurtured. And Saudi Arabia has investments in the United States and their welfare is tied up into the welfare of the United States," he added.

Crichton is chairman of the board of Arabian Sheikfield Development Company with headquarters in Dallas and offices in Jeddah. He has visited Saudi Arabia twice a year for the last 15 years, and also has visited Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt. In addition to Arabian Shield, Crichton is president of Crichton and Co., a petroleum consulting and management firm.



Jack Crichton

director of Transco, Inc., a gas transportation and oil and gas exploration and production company; and director of Whitehall, Inc., a small conglomerate, including a geophysical company.

Crichton, 64, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A & M University in 1937, a Master of Science degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1941 and a professional degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A & M University in 1952. In 1964, Crichton was a Republican candidate for governor of Texas. He has been active in politics as a Republican for many years, including hosting and acting as chairman for a Reagan Committee event in 1980.

## Lebanon recovery boosted by Kingdom's assistance

By Hussein Dakrouh

JEDDAH, Jan. 3 — Saudi Arabia's role in helping with delicate and difficult circumstances during the conflict in Lebanon has won praise from all factions, according to *Saudi Business* magazine Saturday.

Lebanese Ambassador to the Kingdom Dr. Zafer Al Hassan said that all Lebanese sects commend Saudi Arabia's persistent and unwavering support for their country at the political, economic and financial levels.

"Saudi Arabian-Lebanese relations are close and solid. To speak only of the economic and commercial aspects, it can be safely said that relations are excellent and, in spite of the Lebanese events in the past years, they are proceeding normally," the ambassador said. Al Hassan disclosed that the

economy and individual initiative. The troubles which jolt the region at this time and then, like those which have been plaguing Lebanon for the past five years, have failed to affect the economic and commercial exchange between the two countries is clear-cut proof of the success of strong cooperation. And the future cannot but be bright one," Al Hassan stressed.

Al Hassan, who has a Ph.D. in International Law, has been in Saudi Arabia for five years. Before his appointment in the Kingdom, Al Hassan had served as chargé d'affaires at the Lebanese embassies in London, Paris and Brussels. He was also the director of the Arab Affairs Department in the Lebanese Foreign Ministry.

## COMMENT

By Mutlaq Mukhalad Al-Dhiyabi  
Al Medina

The issue of high bridal fees has assumed the proportions of a grave social phenomenon. Those who demand fantastic sums have preferred to turn a deaf ear to what is being said on the subject, and care little about its consequences on the happiness of their daughters and the society as a whole.

If not all, at least some of them know well what the Prophet Muhammad has advised on this matter, and how he has forbidden to make daughters as commodities to be sold at fabulous prices. But even those who know fall prey to worldly avarice and pay no heed to the circumstances of young men desirous of finding a life-partner.

Many marriage opportunities presented to young daughters are lost only because of the greed which permanently afflicts their guardians. Years roll by, and they wither the blossom of their youth. With the passage of time, it becomes difficult to find a fiancé. It is a matter that brings in its fold many a moral problem and sometimes ends up in a situation that greedy guardians can hardly imagine. When they come face to face with the painful fact, they realize that they have been the direct cause of the misfortune.

Conscientious people ought to avoid such situations. Those who marry their daughters just to find a suitable opportunity to get rich overnight do not have regard for the wishes of their daughters. They seldom care for their sentiments and preferences, since they dream themselves in the attainment of fabulous sums. Such guardians, in fact, attach value to this creature who came in existence through them, but whom they later sell like any commodity sold on earth at fantastic prices.



Dr. Zafer Al Hassan

Kingdom imports the equivalent of SR1.5 billion worth of 48.5 per cent of Lebanon's industrial exports and 55 per cent of Lebanon's entire exports annually.

The Ambassador said there is no aid program or agreement between Lebanon and the Kingdom. "However, the Kingdom, along with other Arab states, is committed to extending financial assistance to Lebanon in accordance with the resolutions of the Arab summit conference in Baghdad, Tunis and Amman. In addition to this, Saudi Arabia gives financial aid to Lebanese social or teaching institutions as well as sample aids to refugees and semi-official institutions (like municipalities). Needless to say, both the Lebanese government and people are very grateful to the government and people of Saudi Arabia for standing on their side," Al Hassan emphasized.

Despite the fact that the specter of turmoil and instability is still hanging over the Middle East, the ambassador sees economic cooperation between Lebanon and Saudi Arabia flourishing in the future. "I look at economic cooperation between the two countries from an optimistic perspective. The two countries belong to an integrated economic region and are committed to the principle of a free

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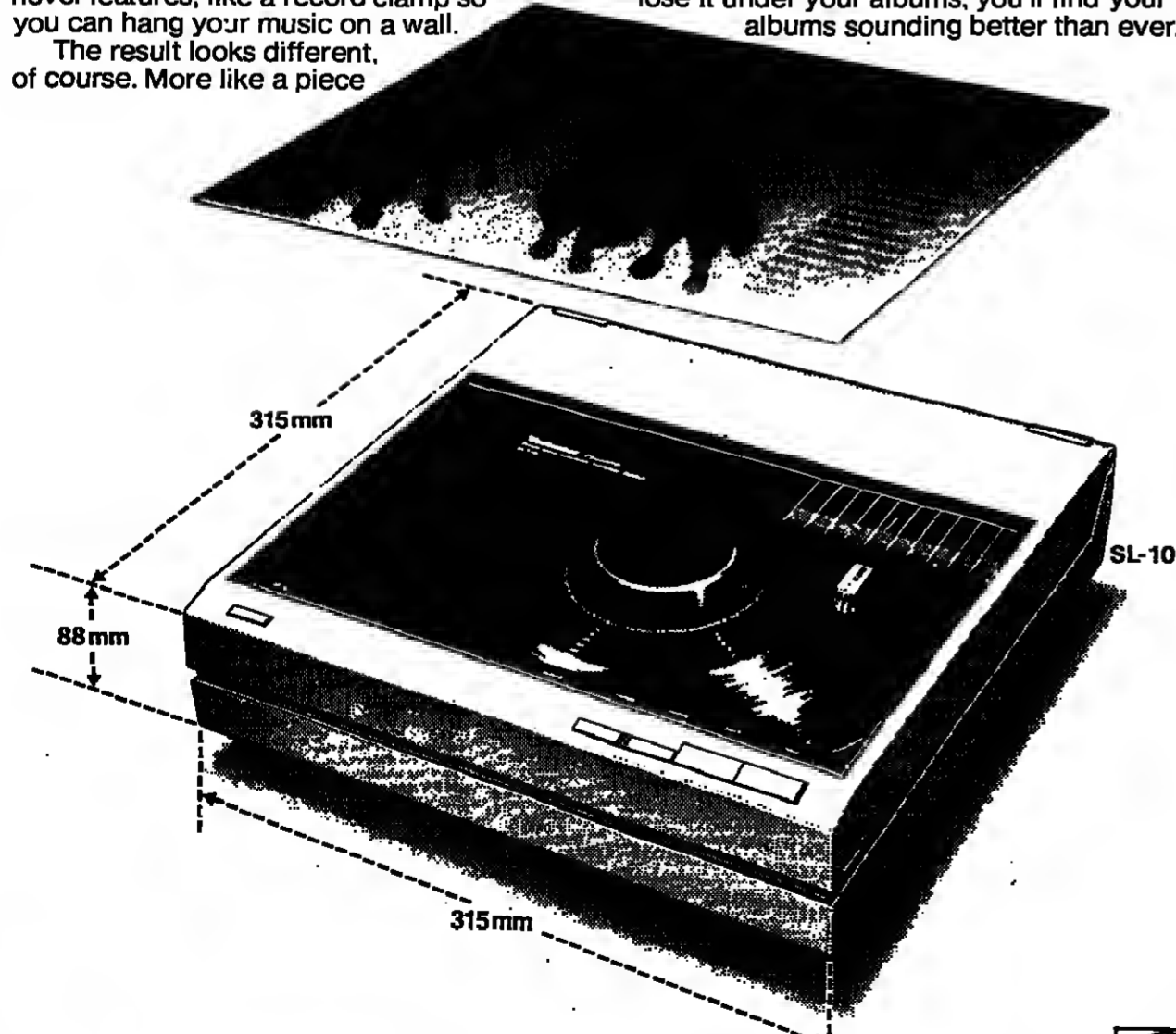
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# EC Council chief holds Kuwait talks

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — The President of the European Community's Council, Dutch Foreign Minister Christiaan Klauw, conferred Saturday with ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad and the Crown Prince and Premier Adnan Al-Fahd in Kuwait.

Klauw held official talks with the Kuwaiti Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad. Van der Klauw is on a mission to the European quest for a Middle East settlement.

Klauw told reporters his talks with Sheikh Sabah focused on the Middle East and "future of my mission as president of the EEC Ministerial Council."

Discussions also covered the present situation in the region particularly the Iraq and bilateral relations," he said.

Klauw said that talks also dealt with "economic circumstances in developing countries and efforts being taken to combat

world inflation."

"The talks underlined the importance of developing a world economic order better than the present one," he added.

The Dutch diplomat praised his country's relations with Kuwait, saying there is cooperation between the two countries on the international level concerning several subjects.

Government sources said Kuwait Saturday renewed its call on the EEC countries to shoulder their responsibility toward the Middle East crisis through supporting the national Palestinian rights including the setting up of an independent state on the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Talking to newsmen on arrival Van der Klauw said he was continuing the efforts of his predecessor as council president, Luxembourg's Gaston Thorn, who visited Middle East states last year.

The Dutch minister said he had studied the report submitted by Thorn and had embarked on his own tour of the region "for a fresh reappraisal and to define our stand." He did not elaborate. He said he would be visiting other Middle East states in February and March.

In The Hague, a Netherlands foreign ministry spokesman said, however, that Van der Klauw's visit was not a resumption of an EEC mission to promote peace moves in the region. The minister's talks with government leaders in Kuwait and Qatar would mainly cover bilateral issues although international questions were also likely to be raised, the spokesman said.

The EEC launched a Middle East initiative last June after European leaders expressed the view that the U.S.-inspired Camp David process appeared to have made little progress in reaching an overall Arab-Israeli settlement.

# Israelis postpone seizure of Arab firm

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (WP) — Israel's supreme court has temporarily prevented the government from taking over the Palestinian-owned East Jerusalem Electric Co. until it issues a final ruling on the planned seizure.

Without remarking on the merits of the case, which has become the focus of a major controversy in Israel, the three-judge panel issued a temporary injunction against the Israeli Energy Ministry from implementing its plan to take control of the company Thursday. The court did not indicate when it will make a ruling.

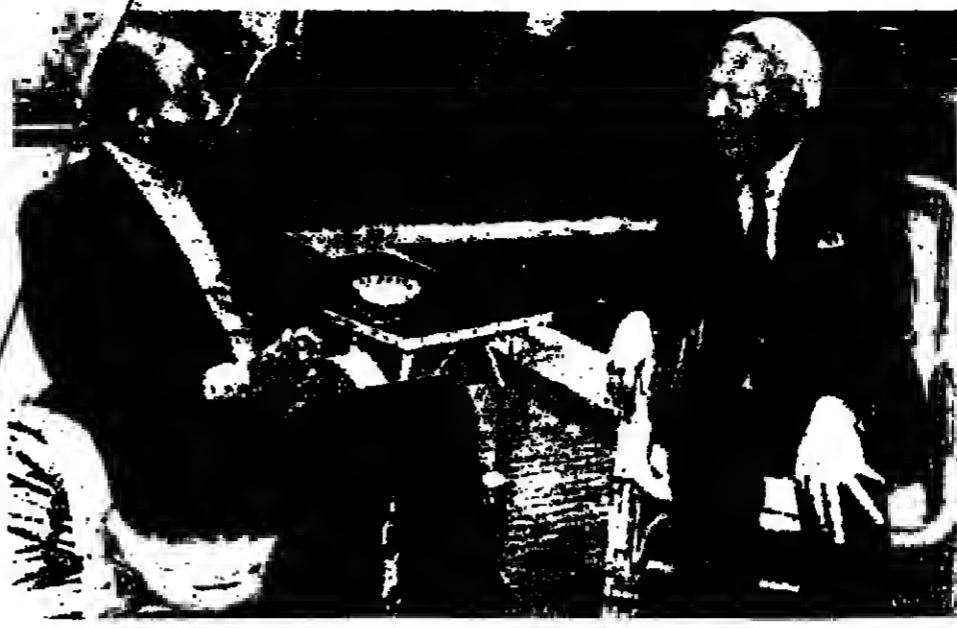
Anwar Nusseibeh, chairman of East Jerusalem Electric, the largest Arab-owned business enterprise remaining in the West Bank, interpreted the court's postponement as a good omen.

"I have been trained in the legal tradition, and I have tremendous faith in the essential decency of the system," said Nusseibeh, former Jordanian defense minister.

Many of the company's 400 Palestinian employees gathered in the rain outside the court compound, for the decision also appeared encouraged by the continuation of the proceedings. Some of them had warned that a takeover by Israel could result in sabotage of equipment and business records.

The government attorney, Yoram Barsela, claimed that the planned seizure was not a political decision but was based purely on economic grounds because of the alleged inefficiency of East Jerusalem Electric's diesel generating system.

Attorneys for the firm, which distributes power to about 400,000 Palestinians of East Jerusalem and the West Bank, as well as to 15,000 Jews in new neighborhoods in the outskirts of the capital and in West Bank settlements, said the real purpose of the takeover was to eliminate Palestinian economic independence and disrupt financial links between the West Bank and Jordan, which supports the company.



MEETS SADAT: Former British Prime Minister Edward Heath (right) during his meeting with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat Tuesday. Heath told Egyptian officials that European Common Market countries plan new contacts aimed at solving problems hindering the U.S.-sponsored Middle East peace process.

# Israeli clergy scandal exposed

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (AP) — The latest chapter in the bribery scandal engulfing the Israeli clergy was played over the radio in a live broadcast of angry recriminations between the interior minister and the ousted chief of police.

Israelis settling down for the Friday evening were treated to a broadcast news conference with the ex-chief of police over his dismissal at the height of a bribery probe.

Then the radio handed the microphone to the man who fired the top cop, Interior Minister Yosef Burg. Burg says he sacked Inspector-General Erzi Shafir for planting a false story in the press to help his investigation of Religion Minister Agaron Abu-Hatzeira, who is suspected of taking bribes.

Shafir managed, without saying so outright, to insinuate that he had been sacked because his inquiries were making him too high into the political establishment.

Abu-Hatzeira is alleged to have taken some \$15,000 worth of bribes in return for channeling state funds to religious institutions. Parliamentary committee is to decide whether to strip Abu-Hatzeira of immunity so that he can be prosecuted.

The 51-year-old Shafir, a tough-talking military man became chief of police a year ago.

And to the delight of a public that had long demanded a probe into the fuoding of the powerful clergy, Shafir set in motion the Abu-Hatzeira investigation. Israelis were interested enough to overlook his unorthodox methods — phooney inquiries, police-sanctioned burglaries in search of evidence, the employment of an old army comrade for a top police job even though the man was known to have friends in the underworld.

At his news conference, Shafir claimed Burg gave him no help.

The first question to Shafir was whether he had been fired to prevent the Abu-Hatzeira probe spilling into the interior ministry's money.

"No comment," said Shafir.

The police chief also complained that he was constantly under pressure to make life more comfortable for religious figures jailed as part of the Abu-Hatzeira investigation. He claimed that Burg's own spokesman had long ago warned him that the interior ministry was "corrupt."

The charge that Burg fired Shafir to protect Abu-Hatzeira since both belong to the same political faction has been leveled by the daily *Haaretz*.

# Israeli inflation record 135%

TEL AVIV, Jan. 3 (R) — Israel's inflation for 1980 reached a record 135 percent, according to an estimate issued by the Central Bureau of Statistics. The publication Friday said the value of the Israeli shekel, fell by 114 percent over the year.

The annual figure for Israeli inflation will be released on Jan. 15 when the price index is released.

The International Monetary Fund said that Israel's inflation rate was the world's highest, ahead of Turkey and Argentina.

# Libya-Syria merger talks

BEIRUT, Jan. 3 (AP) — Differences between Syrian President Hafez Assad and Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi have led to the suspension of talks to finalize a merger between the two states, a Beirut newspaper reported Saturday.

The newspaper quoted Assad as saying the differences arose during Assad's visit to Libya in December when Qaddafi proposed that Assad dissolve the Baath Party, the ruling party in Syria because Libya does not believe in it.

Libya and Syria announced they

would merge their two countries on Sept. 10, Assad flew to Libya in December to discuss the final points of the union.

"Syria will not dissolve the Arab Socialist Party and will not repeat the mistake it committed in 1958 when union was established between Syria and Egypt," the sources quoted Assad as saying. Syria dissolved all political parties during the merger with Egypt.

Official Syria sources denied the talks had been suspended but observers in Damascus have said differences existed over issues such as political parties.

# Egyptian envoys sent to explain M.E. policy

CAIRO, Jan. 3 (R) — Egypt has sent two senior envoys to Latin America and West Africa in a diplomatic campaign to answer Arab attacks on Cairo's peace agreement with Israel.

Boutros Ghali, minister of state for foreign affairs and a key Egyptian negotiator with Israel, left for Argentina, Peru, Chile and Mexico while Samir Ahmed, foreign ministry under-secretary, began a tour of the west African states.

The nonaligned movement and Organization of African Unity (OAU) movements are

both scheduled to hold foreign ministers' conferences next month. The last nonaligned and OAU summits rejected Arab-backed resolutions to expel Egypt because of its peace treaty with Israel.

Officials said the primary objective of the two tours was to explain Egypt's Middle East policy.

Ahmed is to visit Gambia, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Togo, Guinea, Ghana, Niger, Upper Volta, Nigeria, Cameroon, Gabon and Sierra Leone.

# 60 Bhutto's supporters arrested

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 3 (AP) — About sixty members of the banned Pakistan People's Party, founded by the late Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, have been arrested in Karachi by military intelligence agents, informed sources said Saturday.

Police officials confirmed the arrests were

made Friday, but declined further comment. Among those detained were seven journalists including Wahab Siddiqi and Wahid Basheer, editor and assistant editor, respectively, of the pro-PPP *Al Fatah* magazine, they said.

Irshad Rao, the weekly's publisher, also was arrested for alleged subversive activities.

Informants said the sweep was connected with plans to hold rallies marking the Jan. 5 birthday of Bhutto, who was deposed by the military in 1977 and hanged two years later following conviction on murder-conspiracy charges. Political activities have been banned by martial law since October 1979.

The sources, in touch with local officials, said the arrests were carried out by the Pakistan army's field intelligence unit, which had the PPP workers detained at various police stations in the port city.

# Cairo court begins trial of 50 Communists

CAIRO, Jan. 3 (R) — The trial of about 50 persons arrested 18 months ago during one of Egypt's periodic anti-Communist crackdowns began here Saturday in the State Security Court, opposition politicians reported.

Khaled Mohleddin, leader of the left-wing Unionist Progressive Party (UPP), said five UPP members were among the accused, who

are charged with belonging to the Egyptian Communist Workers' Party. Egypt's constitution bans Communist organizations. The accused were detained in August, 1979. Most of them were released on bail several weeks later. Mohleddin said lawyers expected the trial to last about two months. There is no appeal against security court verdicts, which can only be over-ruled by President Sadat.

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Kampuchean deadlock

'Third force' chief returns from China

BANGKOK, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — Kampuchea's "third force" guerrilla leader, former premier Son Sann, has returned to Kampuchea after a visit to China, the Bangkok Post reported Saturday.

The paper quoted a Thai military source as saying Son Sann had gone back Friday through Thailand. The report could not be independently confirmed.

U.S. must resist Soviet hegemonism, says China

PEKING, Jan. 3 (AFP) — The United States must step up its resistance to Soviet "hegemonism" in 1981, an official Chinese commentator has said.

Wang, chairman of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, indicated that despite the danger of war, the peoples of the world "are confident of their ability to safeguard peace."

Reagan to hold talks with Portillo

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AFP) — President-elect Ronald Reagan's meeting Monday with Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo is expected here to have far greater implications than the "symbolic gesture" the new Republican administration says the visit represents.

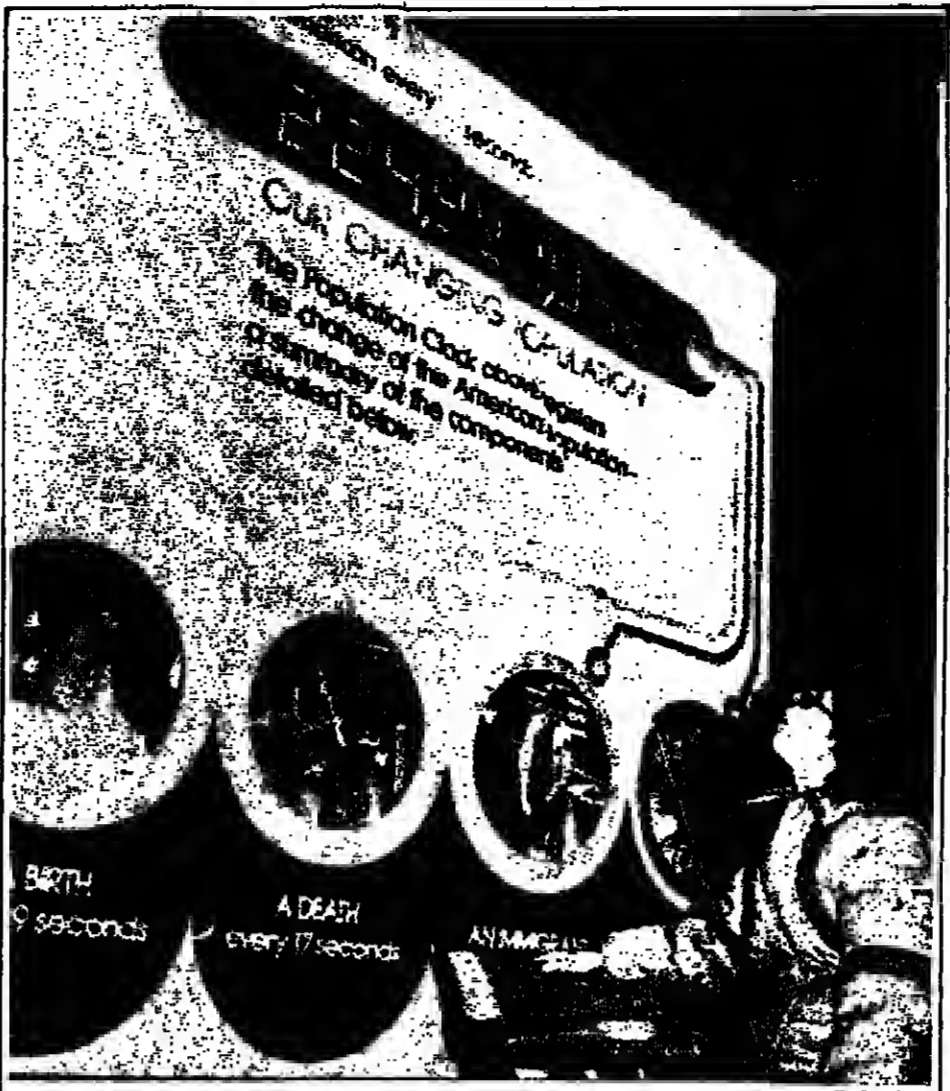
promote the Khmer Rouge against the 12-year-old Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea.

But unconfirmed reports from Peking last week said Son Sann had arrived around Dec. 25 for what was believed to be his second visit to China in 1980.

As a result, efforts to build a united front have focused increasingly on Son Sann in the past months of military and diplomatic deadlock.

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Zheng Senyu forecast that this year, "Despite their differences over the appraisal of the Soviet threat and ways and means of dealing with it, the United States, western Europe and Japan will in general strive for better coordination and unity."



CENSUS COUNT: An American looks up at the population counter for the U.S. in the lobby of the Commerce Department in Washington. The figure reads 224,911,042. The Census Bureau submitted the figure to President Carter Wednesday.

Peking flays Dutch deal with Taipei

PEKING, Jan. 3 (AFP) — China Saturday expressed "indignation" over a decision by the Netherlands to sell two submarines to Taipei.

The Communist Party newspaper The People's Daily reaffirmed official annoyance by publishing four letters from readers. This Chinese warning came while U.S. Senator Theodore Stevens was making the Reagan administration's first contact with Chinese leaders, Saturday.

During his election campaign Reagan said

be favored reinforced U.S. relations with Taiwan. China has already warned Washington indirectly several times that such reinforcement would encounter "China's firm opposition."

The Chinese government protested orally to Dutch Ambassador Johannes Kneppelhou early last month and has threatened the Hague with economic reprisals if it delivers the submarines.

Thailand gets U.S. aid

BANGKOK, Jan. 3 (AFP) — The United States has given Thailand the first part of a \$2 million grant to help combat pirate attacks on Vietnamese boat people in the Gulf of Thailand.

The grant follows a series of bilateral talks on boosting air and sea search capabilities to stem the attacks, which have sent an unknown number of refugees to a watery death.

Bonn to build ice station

PUNTA ARENAS, Southern Chile, Jan. 3 (AFP) — West Germany will start construction of its first Antarctic research station this month on ice 1,400 km. from the South Pole, it was learned here.

The ice chosen by the Germans is a 400-meter thick block 2,400 km south of the American continent. It is drifting toward the Weddell Sea, but experts believe the heat generated by the station will mean the ice will sink into the sea around 1988.



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Times invites more bids from potential buyers

LONDON, Jan. 3 (AP) — The Times of London has said it remains open to further bids from potential buyers, despite the passing of a new year's eve deadline.

Although the newspaper's management declined to comment on the status of bids, a news report in the paper itself said Friday, "It is understood if other serious potential purchasers appear they will not be turned away despite the passing of the deadline."

There were suggestions along Fleet Street, London's publishing row, of other bidders. But only one newspaper, The Daily Telegraph, published a report to that effect, claiming The Times had received 10 firm offers.

100,000 allegedly detained without any trial in India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 3 (AP) — More than 100,000 prisoners are being illegally detained in India without having stood trial, the Indian Express newspaper has claimed.

An official government spokesman said he could not confirm the figures but said that the government was checking the report.

graph's report that "two Arab interests who made bids were ignored." Spokesman at The Times itself and at the merchant banker handling the sale, S.G. Warburg, also declined to say how many bids had been received.

A Warburg spokesman said that as far as he was concerned, the deadline of midnight Dec. 31 had been final. But he declined to discuss the paragraph in the newspaper suggesting that further offers would be considered.

On Oct. 22, Thomson, who had been struggling with heavy financial losses and union troubles for years, announced that The Times, The Sunday Times and three literary and educational supplements would be closed in mid-March if a buyer is not found.

On Thursday two groups formed by Times journalists announced a joint proposal to buy The Times with the financial backing of several businessmen.

after court to be tried under one charge or the other and detained in jail as long as possible," the report said.

The Express added that most of the detainees were kept up to work as cooks, sweepers and washermen for jail officials and other prisoners. Under Indian law, a person charged with a criminal offense cannot be detained in police custody for more than 24 hours without being produced before a magistrate.

Meanwhile, Indian opposition leaders Friday condemned a reported attack by policemen on a rally of more than 100 blind people near Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's official residence. The blind demonstrators reportedly were beaten up with truncheons and then briefly detained in a local police station Thursday.

Royal party fire hits U.K. newswoman's car

LONDON, Jan. 3 (AP) — A royal shooting party was reported Saturday to have hit a newswoman's car with a shotgun blast, while Buckingham Palace was telling the press to leave Queen Elizabeth II alone on her customary new year vacation.

Shan Lancaster, a reporter on the Tabloid Sun, said her car was "peppered" with pellets as she trailed members of the royal family Friday on their 20,000-acre estate at Sandringham in Norfolk. She said no one was hurt in the incident.

Miss Lancaster did not identify who fired the shot in her direction. She said the royal party also included Prince Charles and that after Philip shouted his warning to her, an unidentified royal aide added: "you have been told now, haven't you?"

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### Winning five out of 10 events

# American swimmers dominate

GAINESVILLE, Florida, Jan. 3 (AP) — Tracy Caulkins, Mary Meagher, Craig Beardley and Rick Carey led the way with world-best times as United States swimmers won five of 10 individual events Friday night in the 1981 U.S. International Swim Meet.

Their first trip to the United States since last year's Moscow Olympic boycott.

1:08.84 set in Friday's preliminaries, with Geweniger far behind in the finals in 1:09.79.

# Steve Scott sparkles

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3 (AP) — American record holder Steve Scott gave San Francisco its first-ever sub-four minute mile, as he outran an international field for 3:59.6 victory Friday night in the Runner's World Indoor Classic at the Cow Palace.

Grete Waitz breezed to a slow victory in the women's 3,000 and Leo Williams of the Navy edged Arizona's James Frazier in the high jump.

Scott, whose best indoor time is 3:53.0, moved past Ireland's Ray Flynn into first place at the gun lap and held off Britain's David Moorcraft at the finish.

Waitz, who ran a world's best time of 8:50.8 in the 3,000 last year at the Cow Palace, ran a slow race after taking a huge lead on the first lap.

# 76ers triumph

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP) — After losing three games in a row, the Philadelphia 76ers decided they needed something to change the pattern.

Dixon, running his first indoor race in a year, clocked 8:01.4 as he outkicked Kenya's Wilson Waigwa, who finished in 8:02.8.

The party, followed by two days of hard practice, did the trick as Philadelphia sniped out of its slump with a 120-117 overtime victory over the SuperSonics in Seattle Friday night.

Despite having to fly from New Zealand to New York and back to San Francisco, he appeared strung and said that "as the laps churned away, I felt better and better."

Erving led the way with 36 points and 12 rebounds Philadelphia completed the first half of the 82-game National Basketball Association schedule with a 34-7 record, best in the league.

Emmit King of Alabama edged Ray Threat of the University of Arizona to win the men's 50-meter dash in 5.74.

Boston-forward Larry Bird, last season's Rookie of the year, was held scoreless for the first time in his pro career.

Chappell defied the Indians for 408 minutes, hitting 27 boundaries in a performance which eclipsed the former Australian record against India, 201 by Don Bradman in Adelaide in 1947-48.

In other games, the Phoenix Suns edged the Denver Nuggets 133-132, the Houston Rockets trimmed the Dallas Mavericks 124-120 in overtime, the San Antonio Spurs beat the Los Angeles Lakers 118-112, the Kansas City Kings beat the Utah Jazz 101-95, the Detroit Pistons edged the New York Knicks 102-100, the Indiana Pacers downed the Atlanta Hawks 109-106, the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the New Jersey Nets 111-105 and the Chicago Bulls defeated the Washington Bullets 92-82.

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Bobby Jones scored a dunk off the opening tip of overtime to put Philadelphia ahead to stay.

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# Record knock by Chappell

SYDNEY, Jan. 3 (AFP) — Australian captain Greg Chappell overcame a virus which kept him up in the night to hit a record 204 against India in their first Test at the Sydney Cricket ground Saturday.

Chappell defied the Indians for 408 minutes, hitting 27 boundaries in a performance which eclipsed the former Australian record against India, 201 by Don Bradman in Adelaide in 1947-48.

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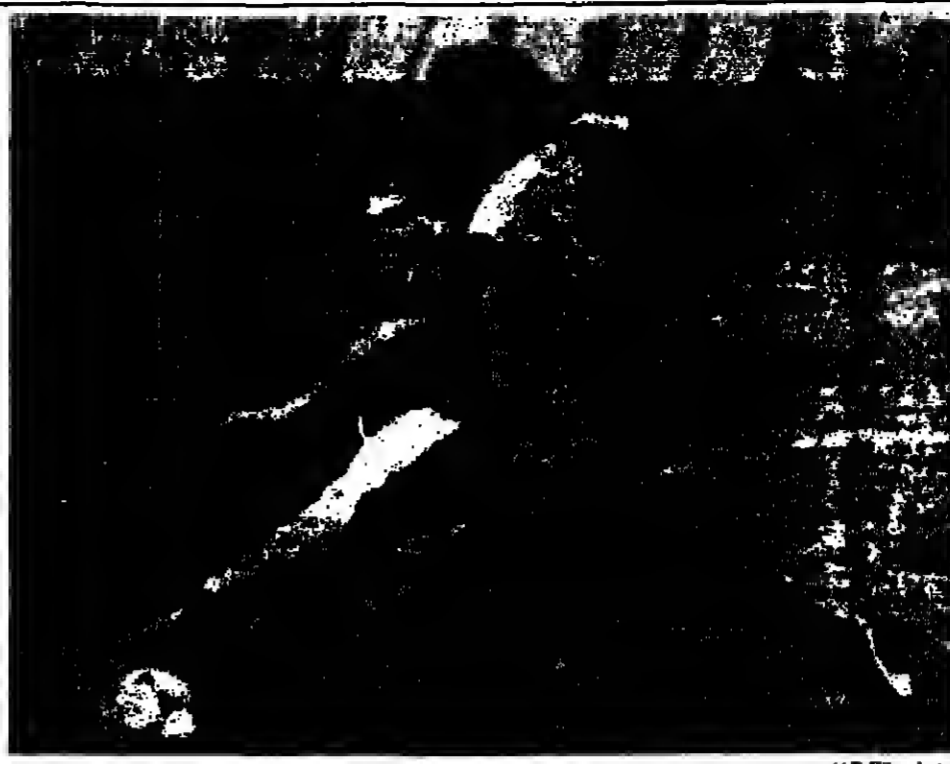
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FUSSLE: Victorino of Uruguay and Holland's Martina Jol try to get possession of the ball, in the opening match of the Golf Cup Soccer tournament.

# Hilal maintains the lead

With last-minute goal

JEDDAH, Jan. 3 — Hilal hauled Qadisiyya to win 1-0 in the last minute of the match in Riyadh Friday.

Thursday, Nasr barely survived a draw with Itifaq in Dammam, Nasr was losing 2-1 until the last 15 minutes of the match.

On the other side, Ahli came back strongly after last week's heavy defeat to Nasr.

The hopeful Nadha was also stopped by Jabalein in Hail. They drew 0-0 after an equally dominated game.

Hilal survived Qadisiyya's challenge at the most critical time in the team's history.

Hilal's Tunisian striker, is reported to be suffering from an injury, and has been hospitalized; Fahudi and Samir Sultan are also injured; Fahd Al-Habashi and Sultan Al-Muhana have been banned from playing for

Standings:

	G	W	T	LG	GA	Pts.
Hilal	12	7	3	3	29	14 17
Nasr	12	7	2	3	35	22 16
Itihad	12	5	5	2	25	11 15
Ahli	12	5	4	3	18	17 14
Qadisiyya	12	6	1	5	18	18 13
Nadha	12	4	5	3	17	18 13
Itifaq	12	4	3	5	20	19 11
Shabab	12	4	3	5	19	18 11
Jabalein	12	2	3	7	8	24 6
Riyadh	12	1	1	10	6	30 3

# Prodigal Pakistan held

By Shahid Orakzai  
Arab News Correspondent

LAHORE, Jan. 3 — Visiting Kenyan national hockey team shocked Pakistan when they held the World Champions to 1-1 draw in the only hockey 'Test' of their eight-match tour here Friday.

Pakistan achieved the lead in 10th minute of second half when spearhead Mushtaq scored following a back pass from left-out Samiullah.

The visitors playing a defensive game pulled back their wingers to check incursions by Pakistan forwards.

For the homeside star left-winger Samiullah shoe, piercing the Kenyan circle many times, but his solo efforts never materialized.

Pakistan earned four penalty-corners in the first half while the visitors were contented with just one corner.

Pakistani forwards failed to combine, reflecting sheer lack of understanding.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 3 (AP) — American Brian Teacher won his way Saturday night into the Australian Open final by winning a six-hour, rain-extended marathon match against Australian Peter McNamara.

Top-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina trailed Australian Kim Warwick in the second semi-final match Saturday night.

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# Another Brazil player injured

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 3 (AP) — Brazil's build-up for the Gold Cup Soccer Tournament took another setback Friday when lanky forward Sergio pulled out of a training session with a back injury.

Sergio left the field after 30 minutes of a practice match at Los Aromos 23 kilometers outside Montevideo, and team officials said he had pulled muscles near the base of his spine.

Brazil which plays World Cup holder Argentina in its first match Sunday, has already lost key forward Zico and Rinaldo through injury.

Argentina won its opening match 2-1 against European champion West Germany and will qualify for the final if it defeats Brazil.

Brazilian coach Tele Santana, who admitted that injuries, were "a problem" for his squad through a long training session Friday morning, including a 60-minute match.

They deserved their win over the Dutch and with the advantage of the crowd, familiarity with the Centenario Stadium and over two months of careful preparation, they are no easy opponents.

Italian manager Enzo Bearzot does not underestimate the task.

Bearzot is not worried about the effects of the heat on players who have exchanged midwinter Italy for the Uruguayan summer, with noon temperatures of 30 centigrades and more.

The Group 'A' match follows the first match in the other half of the competition, Group 'E' in which Argentina won a dramatic victory over West Germany last night.

The result made Argentina, 1978 World champions, favorites for the Cup, which is being contested by five past World Cup winners and the Netherlands, disputing for the sixth, England, the Group winners meet in the final on January 10.

The Italians will need to watch 20-year-old Ruben Paz, a dashing midfielder, who some observers compose with the young Argentina genius, Diego Maradona.

The tireless speed of Paz caused the Dutch many a headache on Tuesday but Venancio Ramos, who scored one of the goals, and fullback Jose Moreira, who made repeated sallies down the wing, were equally effective.

When the teams met last year, Italy won 1-0, but that was in Milan.

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Saturn's largest moon

# Golden Titan fascinates space scientists

By Thomas O'Toole

Imagine a moon with an aluminum core surrounded by ice and covered by nitrogen gas under an ocean of liquid acetylene, the waves of which are whipped by winds of methane.

If you can imagine that moon, you're thinking about Titan, the largest of Saturn's 15 moons, the 12th one out and the most unusual body in the solar system. Its gold color fascinates scientists, who have long known that Titan is the only one of the solar system's 37 moons with an atmosphere. Now, thanks to a silver-and-black spacecraft named Voyager that flew by Titan in November, they know this golden moon, 5-12ths the size of Earth, has an atmosphere that's denser and deeper than Earth's atmosphere, and is made up of nitrogen, the basic component of all the living things that we know of, and methane — natural gas, the same stuff you burn to warm a house.

"We know there's an object out there whose atmosphere has just as much nitrogen as Earth," said Michael McElroy of Harvard University. "The air we breathe is 78 per cent nitrogen." "Titan is by far the most interesting thing in the outer solar system."

From the still-incomplete data that scientists are poring over, McElroy paints a vivid picture of how he thinks Titan was formed. A star 20 times the size of our sun exploded almost five billion years ago, he suggests, scattering radioactive debris across billions of miles of space and into the vicinity of what is now our solar system. Amidst the debris was a huge hot ball of radioactive aluminum-26, which drew clouds of ice and dust to its searing surface. That was the start of Titan.

"The principal gases accumulating on his body were methane and ammonia, which quickly broke down into nitrogen and hydrogen," McElroy said. "What you finish up with after the aluminum loses its radioactivity and gets colder is a rock of still relatively warm aluminum surrounded by nitrogen gas, which is surrounded by an ocean of acetylene, surrounded by nitrogen in droplet form and methane gas. An intriguing celestial body."

Cornell University's Carl Sagan paints an even more intriguing picture from his reading of the data. Sagan imagines the surface of Titan to be an ocean of ammonia and water, which in combination stays liquid below the freezing points of either ammonia and water on their own. The ocean is also thought to be kept warm by a greenhouse effect that traps heat in the atmosphere.

The atmosphere of nitrogen and methane gets broken down by the sun's ultraviolet light into a broad mixture of almost every organic chemical seen in interstellar space. Formaldehyde, hydrogen cyanide, acetylene, ethane, propane and octane. The last four chemicals, particularly, release tremendous energy when burned, which accounts for the idea that it rains gasoline on Titan. This rain produces a sticky tar called "tholins," which is Greek for tar and which may have covered the surface of the earth four billion years ago, before life began to form.

"Titan is a planet-sized laboratory of pre-biological chemistry that's been at work for four billion years," Sagan says. "That's a small planet that's worth a visit."

Voyager's trip to Saturn was clearly worth the visit. When it flew beneath the majestic rings of Saturn, the spacecraft found the planet circled by at least 1,000 rings. Voyager discovered three new moons around Saturn and two red spots in its clouds, permanent burricanes that gave the planet a Jupiter look. It saw winds speeding Saturn's clouds around the planet at 900 miles an hour, faster than the speed of sound in our atmosphere. It saw a crack in a moon of Saturn called Mimas that if it has been any bigger would have split the moon in two.

"There might have been hundreds of moons around Saturn at one time," said Tobias Owen of the State University of New York at Stony Brook. "The moons we don't see may have been all destroyed by impacts over time."

The passage of Voyager under the rings may lead to an explanation of why they resist there. The prevailing theory had long been that Saturn's moons keep the rings together — that their different positions and orbiting speeds just outside the rings kept the rings fenced in.

Every time Mimas goes around the planet, a moon interior to Mimas goes around the planet, a moon interior to Mimas goes around twice and a moon exterior to Mimas makes a half swing around Saturn. All moving at different speeds, they pull and tug on the rings in ways that might leave gaps between the rings. Each of Saturn's 15 moons could create 40 or 50 gaps. They may be why there are 1,000 rings.

All but one of the rings showed up red in the Voyager pictures. The inner-most ring appeared blue, no matter how the sun lighted it. That's puzzling. Almost every body in the solar system is red, almost nothing is blue. Earth's sky, with its nitrogen content, is one

exception. Why is the inner ring of Saturn blue?

"Blue is a color we just don't see," Sagan said. "A blue anything that isn't an atmosphere is very interesting because it is very peculiar."

It's easier to explain the red color of the rest of the rings, Sagan thinks. The rings may all be dusted with the thin coating of the tholins that stain the clouds of Titan. Where do the tholins come from? They may all come from Titan, as the top of its atmosphere was boiled off by the moon's passage back and forth through the electricity charged magnetosphere of the planet. That would stain the other moons and the rings of Saturn in a way that doesn't happen anywhere else in the solar system.

Talk as they do about the rings, most scientists still come back to Titan when they speak of Voyager's mission to Saturn. Titan, the golden moon that looks like a frozen primitive Earth. For years, scientists sought the atmosphere surrounding Titan was ethane. Voyager found the methane was only a haze above the real atmosphere, which was almost pure nitrogen.

"We went looking for nitrogen on Venus and didn't find it, and we went looking for nitrogen on Mars and didn't find it," said the University College of London's Garry Hunt. "Now we have it, a major nitrogen atmosphere that means we have another Earth-like planet one billion miles from the sun."

Titan looks Earth-like in other ways. Voyager found at least two haze layers over Titan, both colored a vivid purple and made of droplets of nitrogen, methane and hydrogen cyanide. These are the same organic chemicals that conspired to bring forth life on Earth more than three billion years ago.

"In the study of primitive atmospheres, hydrogen cyanide is always a link into amino acids and we all know what that means," Hunt said. Amino acids are the building blocks of life as we know it. "I'm not saying that life on Titan, but in the coldest regions of Earth there are primitive forms of life. I don't think we can say the same thing can't happen on Titan."

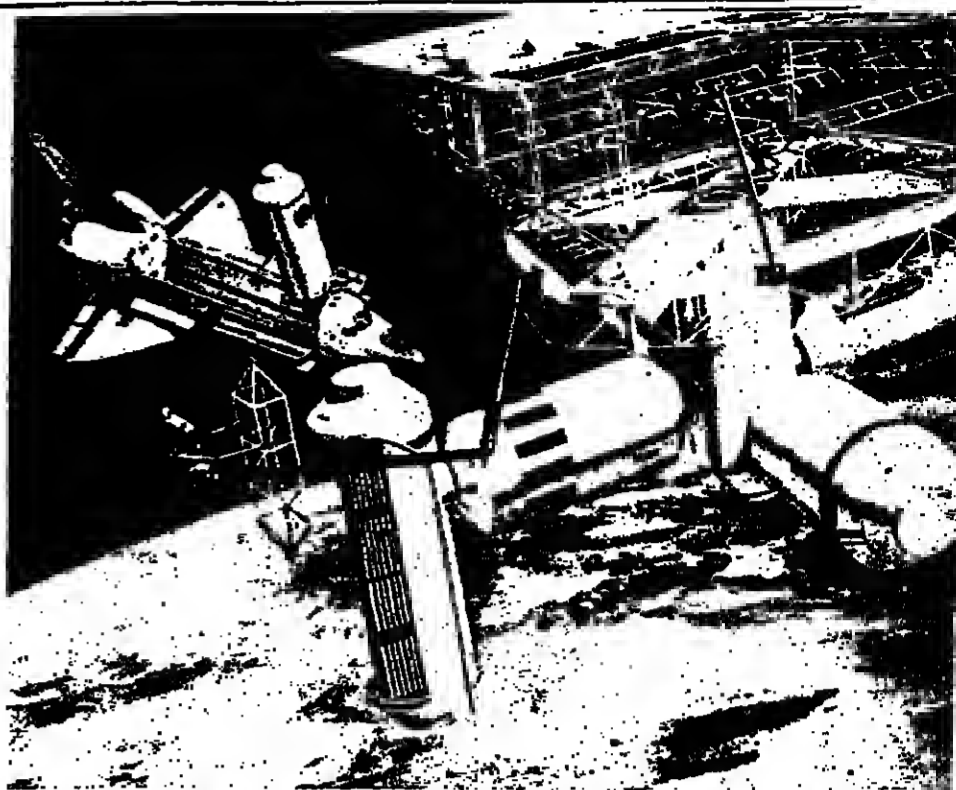
How cold is it on Titan? A body that far from the sun theoretically should be no warmer than 87 degrees below absolute zero (364 degrees below zero Fahrenheit) but Voyager found a greenhouse effect that warmed it as much as 33 degrees above that. Scientists analyzing the Voyager tapes still don't know Titan's surface temperature. Some think the surface temperature might be

as warm as 120 degrees above absolute zero (minus 331 degrees F.)

The Voyager data shows a temperature of 92 degrees above absolute zero and an atmospheric pressure 1.5 times as dense as Earth's. Sagan at one point thought the pressure might have gone as high as 20 times that of Earth, which would warm things up considerably at the surface. Stanford University's Von Eshelman never thought it would go any higher than three times what it is on Earth.

"Carl and I had a bet that involved a Susan B. Anthony dollar," Eshelman said. "If the pressure was any more than six times what it is on Earth, he would have won. I won the dollar."

No matter who won the bet, Titan has now become a prime candidate for a future space mission. One idea already being toyed with is to put a spacecraft in orbit around Titan, then float a balloon in its atmosphere and land a small robot on its frozen ocean surface. If Sagan is correct and the ocean is liquid, the robot lander would radio that fact back before it sinks into the ammonia-and-water seas.



**FUTURE FUEL:** Space engineers at the American Rockwell Company are planning construction of a solar satellite that would beam a continuous stream of microwaves to a receiving station.

## Egg-sized tumors removed from girl's heart

By Rozanne Arnold

SANTA ANA, California (LAT) — It wasn't that she felt sick, just tired all the time.

So tired that 16-year-old Vicki Uranich stopped going out with friends, stopped playing the sports she loved, stopped opening books at all.

It wasn't that she didn't see a doctor. She did, beginning with the first sign of unexplained fatigue. He prescribed thyroid medication, iron pills to pep her up.

What no one understood then — and wouldn't for almost two more years — was that Vicki's fatigue was symptomatic of something much more serious than sluggish blood. Two grape-like tumors were growing in each of the ventricles of her heart and were crowding blood out of that vital organ. It was an ailment doctors were hard pressed to recognize. None had ever seen it before.

"There's never been one like it before in medical literature," said heart surgeon Alan Gazzaniga, a University of California, Irvine, college of medicine professor and part of the physician team called in to treat Vicki.

"Tumors like that are extremely rare in one ventricle or the other. But to have them in both... it's never been seen before as far as we can tell. If you'd never see one before, you'd never think of it."

The fifth in a line of six strapping Uranich children, Vicki, like most of the others, played team sports as a way of life. So when Vicki started to falter, people took notice.

"The coaches were thinking she was dogging it, being lazy," said Dorothy Uranich, Vicki's mother. "I thought it was really strange that she didn't have the stamina the other ones did. I kept going back to the doctor and he kept saying nothing was wrong."

Vicki stopped playing basketball and was warned she'd be cut from the Mater Dei volleyball team unless she started to pick up her pace. But her fatigue continued and by this fall, it was constant.

"All of a sudden, she was a recluse," her mother said. "She stopped going places with her friends, and I really got worried. I knew something was wrong."

The Uranichs decided to take Vicki to another doctor late last month. After a quick series of blood tests and other diagnostic procedures, he focused on Vicki's heart where he detected a murmur. An echo cardiogram showed something was amiss inside.

"I was devastated," Vicki's mother said. "I knew when they said there was a mass, and it was something different, that it meant open heart surgery."

"That was the first time I really cried," Vicki said. "Up until then I was still thinking it was in my head."

"It got to the point where she couldn't do anything at all," Gazzaniga said. "The echo cardiogram showed tumors — one as big as a small grapefruit, the other the size of an egg." Such cardiac tumors, Gazzaniga explained, can either block a heart valve and cut off the flow of blood or grow so large that the flow of

blood into the heart is stemmed. In either case, exhaustion is the result.

"When she exercised," Gazzaniga said, "she couldn't increase her blood flow at all. At rest, her heart rate was 100. Normal for an athletic girl like her was 70."

Vicki underwent open heart surgery at St. Joseph Hospital Dec. 5.

"I didn't want to know what her chances were," Vicki's mother said. "The doctor just told me it was serious — they'd never had a case like this before. Vicki never knew how serious it was."

It took surgeons little more than two hours to remove the tumors. Doctors, her mother said, likened them to "a bunch of grapes the consistency of jelled chicken soup." Tumors like that, Gazzaniga said, are especially dangerous.

"They often break off and cause strokes and things like that," he said. "There was serious concern." Although there was also concern that the masses were cancerous as well, that possibility was discounted shortly after the surgery.

That was only the first of the good news. Vicki's recovery since has been phenomenal, her mother said. Three days after surgery, she was moved out of intensive care into an intermediate care room. A day later she was washing her hair, five days later she was home.

"She'll be back to full activity soon," Gazzaniga predicted, "anywhere from 8 to 10 weeks."

## 20 ships seized

# China launches war against smugglers

By Michael Parks

PEKING, China has gone to war against smugglers whose fishing-junk fleets have been bringing in televisions, tape recorders, wristwatches, sunglasses and other luxury items by the tens of thousands and taking out millions of dollars in gold, silver coins and antiques in payment.

Chinese naval gunboats, deployed in strength along the coast and backed by spotter planes, have seized more than 20 ships, often with more than \$1 million in goods aboard, and have driven off five times that number in the last two months, according to official sources.

Several gun battles have broken out, and nine smugglers reportedly have been killed, including two whose shipmates said they had been summarily executed by Chinese sailors a week ago.

"Smuggling has increased considerably in recent years to the point where it is now rampant," the Communist Party newspaper *People's Daily* said, reporting the crackdown. "These smuggling cases greatly jeopardize our socialist economy, sabotage the stable

and united (political) situation and adversely affect the modernization effort."

The smuggled goods have gone into the expanding black market where they fetch 10 times and more their original cost in Hong Kong or Taiwan, draining badly needed foreign exchange and gold from China and undermining what the government calls "good social order."

"The Chinese are bloody serious about smuggling now," a senior British police official in Hong Kong said. "We know that they have blown two ships that tried to run for its right out of the water and have not hesitated to shoot at any sign of resistance."

"From their point of view, smuggling is not just economic sabotage, a crime they treat severely, but it is fostering and financing the development of a criminal underworld that will be harder to deal with in the future."

The extent of the smuggling is startling. From individuals bringing in a dozen or two wristwatches and two or three radios or tape recorders for resale to relatives or friends in Canton, Shanghai, or Xiamen (Amoy), it has grown into a business estimated at nearly

\$500 million a year and dominated by the triads, the criminal organizations of Hong Kong.

"We know there are probably more televisions smuggled into China than imported legally" a Chinese customs officer in Canton said recently, "and the value of the gold smuggled out to pay for just the wristwatches that have been brought in would buy the machinery for a good size factory."

When Chinese patrol boats stopped the *Gundali*, a Hong Kong ship, after tracking it up the coast earlier this month, the boarding party found 60,000 wristwatches, 600 color televisions, 1,000 radio-cassette recorders, 15,000 folding umbrellas, 24,000 pairs of sunglasses, 1,500 nylon jackets, 100 sewing machines and 30,000 yards of synthetic fabric.

Chinese customs officials did not attempt to put a value on the seizure, but sunglasses are worth about \$25 on the black market here, a recorder about \$800, a watch \$100 or more and a television about \$1,000.

When another Hong Kong ship, *Tianhai No. 1*, also a fishing junk, was seized earlier, customs officials inventoried its goods and described the \$1.4 million seizure as the largest at that time.

Its holds contained 17,000 watches, 18,000 yards of cloth, 1,600 mosquito nets, 900 radio-cassette recorders, 150 television sets and 18 sewing machines.

Most of the ships have been seized while anchored near offshore islands waiting for Chinese fishing boats to come out to them, according to official sources, but others have been stopped by naval patrols off Fujian, Guangdong and other coastal provinces. Most have come from Hong Kong, but ships from Taiwan and the Portuguese colony of Macao have also been stopped.

"They came aboard shouting — more than 20 altogether — and threatening to blow us up with grenades," said one of the survivors from a Hong Kong trawler that returned to port with two dead and two injured after an encounter with a Chinese patrol boat. "The commanding officer asked who owned the goods — we had watches, televisions, calculators, that sort of stuff — and when he was pointed out, the officer gave the order and he and his partner were shot."

Hong Kong police believe there is more to the incident, pointing out that the Chinese police have been not to shout unless there was resistance.

"Most of these smugglers are outfitted by the triads, if they are not triad members themselves, and they often make the mistake of thinking they can outrun or even outfight the Chinese navy," a Hong Kong police investigator said. "It is the triads' involvement, I think, that has made the Chinese so tough now."

But Chinese authorities are cracking down on smuggling rings inside the country, too. In Peking, 39 persons in their 20s, mostly the sons and daughters of government and Communist Party officials, were arrested for smuggling and black marketeering activities — the scale was small — 80 watches, 12 television sets, 293 electronic calculators — but investigators said that the money and gold involved was substantial, with the profits equal to six months' pay and more for most.

One of the best-organized smuggling operations was headquartered in Shanghai, involved 25 Chinese officials and 21 Hong Kong businessmen and had even begun to smuggle limousines and, of all things, bakery trucks, before police broke it up.

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**French proposal**

# International oil bank to harmonize policies

PARIS, Jan. 3 (R) — France wants to set up an international oil reserve bank to harmonize stocking policies and help countries faced with short-term supply problems, an industry ministry spokesman said.

The plan would coordinate international stocks to help countries facing oil supply problems, just as the International Monetary Fund balls out countries with serious balance of payments difficulties, ministry sources said Friday.

The "oil bank" would be an administrative structure and would not involve the building of any stocking facilities, they said. A ministry spokesman said France had suggested the idea at a regular meeting of officials from the

seven major industrial democracies last month, but official responses had been received.

He was commenting on a Japanese newspaper report which said Japan had endorsed the idea.

The ministry sources said France had made no detailed proposals at the meeting, but had suggested consumer countries, and possibly producers, could cooperate to preserve stability in the oil market. The sources added that the proposed oil bank would be independent from the International Energy Agency (IEA), of which France is not a member.

# U.S. banks make 1% cut in prime rate

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (Ageodis) — Several major American banks joined the trend to lower prime rates, cutting their base rate on business loans by a point to 20.5 per cent.

Banking industry analysts said Friday the prime rate had peaked at a record 21.5 per cent last month and would probably decline slowly in coming months. They said demand from smaller businesses for loans had dropped sharply as the prime soared from 15.5 and 21.5 per cent between November 17 and December 19.

Cuts of one per cent were announced Friday by the largest U.S. bank, Bank of America, and by six other major banks. The prime rate at a majority of the nation's top 10

banks now stands at 20.5 per cent. The prime is the rate banks charge their most credit-worthy customers.

The Federal Reserve Board, the U.S. Central Bank, pushed up interest rates last autumn to fight inflation by slowing growth of the money supply. Many economists warned that the high rates would reverse the recovery from last year's steep recession.

The reductions from a record 21.5 per cent rate came almost two weeks after Wells Fargo Bank of San Francisco became the first major bank to announce a rate cut on Dec. 22. Since then, a number of others, including Chase Manhattan Bank, Chemical Bank and some smaller banks made the cut.

# U.S. economy holding up despite high interest rates

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP) — U.S. factory orders and new construction increased modestly in November, the U.S. government said Friday, giving further evidence that the economy is holding up despite record-high interest rates. The economy's strength has surprised many forecasters who had been predicting a downturn, if not another recession. They now foresee a weakening in the

first half of 1981, but not the sharp decline once feared.

November's 1 per cent rise in factory orders to a seasonally adjusted 759.6 billion does mark a continued slowdown in the rate of increased orders for manufactured goods had climbed 1.8 per cent in October and 5.5 per cent in September.

# Sri Lanka to establish free zone

COLOMBO, Jan. 3 (R) — Sri Lanka, which is trying to build up a free-market economy rapidly, has announced that it is throwing open a stretch of land to foreign investment as an experimental agricultural free trade zone a government spokesman said Friday the experiment was no the lines of the industrial free trade zone set up two years ago as the economy was being switched to its new direction from a previous mildly Socialist path.

Under the new scheme, fields would be opened to foreign investment for the growing of fruit, soy beans, pulses, corn, maize, sugar cane and oilseeds, the spokesman said.

He said Bookers Agriculture (International) of Britain had already offered to set up a \$140 million factory with a capacity to crush 3,000 tons of sugar cane a day. Two other companies, Hva Hindland and Mehta Group, an Indian-African combine, had also said they wanted to start sugar cane projects in Sri Lanka and their offers were being processed, he said.

A committee has been set up to study what incentives to offer foreign investors.

Sri Lanka's first free trade zone, situated near Colombo airport north of here, has been hailed by its organizers as a great success. A total of 134 projects involving a capital investment of about \$242 million have been approved for it. Of these, 26 are 100 per cent foreign owned, according to a spokesman for the zone.

About 27 projects are already in production, exporting a variety of goods including ready-made garments, rubber and metal products, gloves, rubber shoes and nylon fishing lines.

The U.S. company Motorola is currently setting up Sri Lanka's first electronics factory at a cost of \$22 million Sri Lanka's move toward a free market economy came after President Junius Jaywardene won the 1977 parliamentary elections and announced a dramatic about-turn for the island state of nearly 14.5 million people, opening the door to foreign investors in much the same way as Singapore.

# China to hold international motor show

HONG KONG, Jan. 3 (AFP) — China's first major international motor show is to be held in the southern Chinese city of Canton from Jan. 9 to 18 attended by leading automobile manufacturers and agents from West Germany, Italy, France and Hong Kong, it was learnt here Saturday. Exhibits will include models by Alfa Romeo, Audi, BMW, Citroen, Mercedes Benz, Peugeot, Renault, Talbot and Volkswagen.

A series of technical matters, film and demonstrations is also to be held for engineers and transport officials.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Canton Machinery and Electrical Appliances Bureau and the Canton Foreign Trade Bureau, while motor show (China) Ltd. is responsible for running the project.

This firm is a joint venture between the Hong Kong firms of Goodyear Hopeful Enterprises Co., Fung Ping Fan Consultants Ltd. and Pennica Trading Company and their Hawaii-based partner Mike Russell and Associates.



FRENCH IN GDANSK: A delegation of French trade unions, CECDT, headed by Edmond Maire seen gathering in front of the Gdansk Shipyard Tuesday.

# Wall Street analysts bracing for another roller-coaster ride

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP) — After the dramatic ups and downs of interest rates in 1980, Wall Street analysts are bracing for another roller-coaster ride in 1981.

Government credit controls, imposed last March and lifted during the summer, contributed to last year's wide swings. Any repeat of such moves by the government this year is considered unlikely.

Even without those controls, however, "interest rates would likely have still been at high levels, moving with great volatility," said Carol A. Stone, senior economist at Merrill Lynch Economics.

"This is due to the low levels of consumer and business liquidity at the beginning of the year, growing skepticism of bond market investors, and heavy treasury borrowing."

As 1980 came to a close, she pointed out, "all these factors are still in place — in some cases, to an even greater extent."

Changes in rates have a direct impact on bond prices, and they have long been considered a major influence on the stock market as well.

Stock prices defied tradition for much of the time in 1980 but late in the year, it was evident that movements in rates could still

exert a powerful pull on the market. As the prime rate climbed above 20 per cent, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials took a 100-point drop in late November and early December. Afterwards, as speculation began to stir, the average rebounded more than 70 points.

The market managed to keep that rally going in the past week, with the Dow Jones industrials rising by 6.40 per cent. The New York stock exchange composite index slipped .02 to 78.26, but the American stock exchange market value index gained 1.38 to 355.60. Big board volume averaged 36.47 million shares a day, against 38.21 million the week before.

In the high-risk game of predicting where interest rates are headed, most analysts now seem convinced that a decline of some magnitude is approaching, if not already under way.

On Friday, many of the large-American banks joined in a decrease in the prime lending rate from 21.5 per cent to 20.9 per cent. "By the spring, we feel that the prime could be down to the 15 to 16 per cent level," said Manoy Korman, associate director of research at Bache Halsey Stuart Shields Inc.

# Qatar has huge gas reserves

DOHA, Jan. 3 (R) — Qatar has proven gas reserves of between 200 and 300 trillion cubic feet, at least one-twelfth of the known volume of recoverable natural gas in the world, a senior Qatari oil executive has said.

The managing director of Qatar General Petroleum Corporation (QGPC), Ali Al-Jaidah, said the figure was sharply up on pre-

vious estimates. Qatar officials a year ago put reserves at 31 million cubic feet although some industry estimates ranged up to 100 trillion cubic feet.

Jaidah, a former secretary general of OPEC said the government was studying the prospects of exploiting the huge reserves to the Qatar northwest Dome gas field, long regarded as among the world's biggest.

# India to seek aid from Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI, Jan. 3 (AFP) — An Indian economic delegation headed by Indian Finance and Labor Minister Sant Mahta arrived here Saturday for a 48-hour official visit, the Emirates' News Agency reported. On arrival, Mahta said he would meet offi-

cial of the Abu Dhabi Arab Economic Development Fund on possible finance for several projects in India.

The agency said that ways of developing bilateral economic and trade relations would also be discussed.

# IMF hikes interest on SDRs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP) — The International Monetary Fund has announced it was increasing to 10.875 per cent the annual interest rate charged on "Special Drawing Rights," the international money that it issues to its member countries.

The new rate became effective Thursday. The previous rate was 8.5 per cent. Nearly 5 billion SDRs are given out each year. At the current market rate, each is worth about \$1.27 — a total of some \$26,670,000,000. They are created by the IMF and given to member countries in proportion to their initial contributions to the IMF. That means the bulk of them go to the United States and other major industrial countries such as West Germany, Britain and France. Smaller amounts go to the poor nations, which have argued without success that they should have a larger share.

The SDRs are used to settle accounts among countries. Those countries which hold fewer than have been issued to them must pay interest on the difference between what they originally received and what they hold.

Typically, these are the poor countries which need every resource they can scrape together to pay their bills — particularly their rising oil bills. The United States and Britain also have used their allocations of SDRs and must pay interest.

Countries which have acquired more SDRs than were originally issued to them — the oil exporters, for the most part — receive interest on them. This rate has also been increased, to 9.78 per cent from 7.65 per cent.

The IMF itself holds about 5 billion SDRs, and collects interest, so that it is expected in take in an extra \$68 million or so next year.

Beginning Thursday, the value to the SDR will be determined by a new calculation. It will be worth a total of 54 U.S. cents, 46 West German pfennig, 34 Japanese yen, 74 French centimes and 7.1 British pence. Previously, the value of the SDR was determined by a "basket" of 16 different currencies.

Foreign Exchange Rates			
Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Friday			
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.87	8.85
Belgian Franc (1,000)	105.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.80	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	170.00	170.50	168.55
Dutch Guilder (100)	156.00	—	155.30
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.00	90.90
French Franc (100)	73.00	74.25	73.25
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	72.25	73.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.25
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Dinar	—	8.25	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.00	36.30	36.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.10	—	16.65
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.88	10.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.26	12.26
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	92.00	90.18
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	82.00	79.15
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	35.70
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Qatari Ryal (100)	—	91.80	91.70
Saudi Ryal (100)	—	—	1.50
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	42.20	42.20
Swiss Franc (100)	188.00	191.00	185.80
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	85.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	36.00	—
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.35	3.34
Yemeni Ryal (100)	—	73.25	73.05
Gold kg.	—	63,200.00	—
10 Tolas bar	—	7,590.00	—
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Municipality of Damman	Spraying of insecticides and detergents	—	1000	Jan. 3
Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province	Asphalting, paving and lighting in Al-Khurma	6	200	Jan. 13
" " "	Temporary asphalting in a rural complex in Yanbu Al-Nakhil	5/M/401	300	Jan. 12
" " "	Illumination of street in Badr with suspension lamps	8/M	50	Jan. 20
Ministry of Health	Sanitation of Central Hospital in Arar	786	500	Jan. 5
" " "	Sanitation of King Faisal	687	500	Jan. 6

# PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON THE 3RD JAANUARY, 1981, 27TH SAFAR, 1401

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival Date
4.	Good Challenger	Alsaada	Contra/Gan/Rice	30.12.80
5.	Al Riyadh	O.C. Trade	Bagged Barley	31.12.80
6.	Nedlloyd Loira	Algezarah	Pkts. F.stuff/iron Bars/Gen.	2.1.81
7.	Elikon	Alpha	Bagged Barley	28.12.80
9.	Baia De San Bras	O.C.E.	Reefer	2.1.81
10.	Annajm	O.C.E.	Tiles/Timber/Gen. General/Haz	31.12.80
11.	Kniepsand	Abdallah	Reefer	31.12.80
13.	Soverign Ruby	El Hewi	Bagged Barley	30.12.80
15.	Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	27.12.80
21.	Kalyppo	El Hewi	Timber	1.1.81
22.	Ming Autumn	Algezarah	Steel Pipes/insulators/Grinders	2.1.81
23.	Char Hsing	Abdallah	Contra/Gan/Steel	30.12.80
26.	Fero Cadiz	O.C.E.	Reefer	2.1.81
27.	Rose Mallaw	Alireza	Reefer	27.12.80
29.	Frozen Salinar	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken	1.1.81
30.	Union Hodeidah	O.C.E.	Contra/Load MTYa	3.1.81
38.	Laura	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken	1.1.81
39.	Kea	Najd	Loading	2.1.81
41.	Grand Feir	O.C.E.	Reefer	31.12.80
42.	Lindel	Alireza	Pkts. Gen./Contra	2.1.81
Rn Ro	Merzario Gallia	A.E.T.	Contra/Trailers/Mobiles	2.1.81

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Baia De Sao Bras	O.C.E.	Reefer	2.1.81
Fero Cadiz	O.C.E.	Reefer	2.1.81
Arteman	Najd	To load	2.1.81
Merzario Gallia	A.E.T.	Mobiles	2.1.81
Linden	Alireza	Gan/Contra	2.1.81
Union Hodeidah	O.C.E.	Contra/Load MTYs	3.1.81
Odysseus Rolaco	Bulk Cement		3.1.81

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4.	Ioannis Marions	Gulf	Contra/Rice	12.12.80
10.	Robin Hood (2nd call)	Gulf	Loading Urea	28.12.80
12.	Ion Room (1st call)	Kanon	General	3.1.81
15.	Ion Tufail	Kanon	General	2.1.81
17.	Mare Artica	Ori	Bananas	2.1.81
18.	Amaithea	Gulf	Frozen chickens	2.1.81
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# The Organization of the Islamic Conference (Part 1)

## Economic activities: objectives and beginnings

By a Special Correspondent

JEDDAH, Jan. 3 — The Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) was set up as a political international organization following anguish and shock in the Muslim world over the burning of one of Islam's holiest shrines, the Masjid al Aqsa in Holy Jerusalem. The decision to establish the OIC was taken by the first summit of Muslim heads of state who assembled in Rabat, Morocco, in 1969 to demonstrate their determination to strengthen the ties of fraternity and solidarity. The OIC was envisaged as a platform to cement these ties and to work for the political, economic, social and cultural progress of Islamic states.

The initial years of the OIC as an international organization were devoted primarily to safeguarding the holy places under Israeli occupation and the recovery of Palestine. These objectives remain the focus of its present-day activities. However, members realized that political cooperation could not develop in a vacuum and priority would also have to be given to the promotion of Islamic solidarity in all vital fields of activity including economic cooperation through regular contacts and consultation among OIC member states.

Thus the charter of the OIC, which was adopted at the third foreign ministers conference in Jeddah in 1972 defined three important objectives of the organization — to promote Islamic solidarity, consolidate cooperation in the political, economic, social, cultural and other fields; and to create a suitable atmosphere for promoting cooperation and understanding among member states and other countries.

While the importance of economic cooperation was realized early, economic questions were not tackled seriously until the second Islamic summit held in the historical city of Lahore, Pakistan. The Lahore summit for the first time defined the economic objectives and goals of the OIC and the Lahore declaration listed the aims of the OIC in the economic field of activity.

These included the eradication of poverty, disease and ignorance from Islamic countries, ending exploitation of the developing countries, regulating the terms of trade among developing and developed countries in the field of supply of raw materials and import of manufactured goods and know-how, ensuring the sovereignty and full control of the developing countries for their natural resources, mitigating current economic difficulties of the developing countries due to increase in prices and the mutual economic cooperation and solidarity among Muslim countries.

Many of the above ideas, which were being voiced, albeit mutedly, by the Third World in general during the early seventies, soon became the rallying cry of the developing countries in their negotiations with the developed ones and at international forums for the establishment of a new international economic order. The Lahore summit is described as a historic one since it gave direction to the economic activity of the Islamic states and helped step up the efforts of the developing world in general to protect their economic interests, which had for centuries been monopolized by outsiders.

In reviewing the economic activities of the OIC, it must be remembered that almost all member states of the Organization are developing countries, and as such endure the common problems of Third World countries. These can be listed as low per capita income,

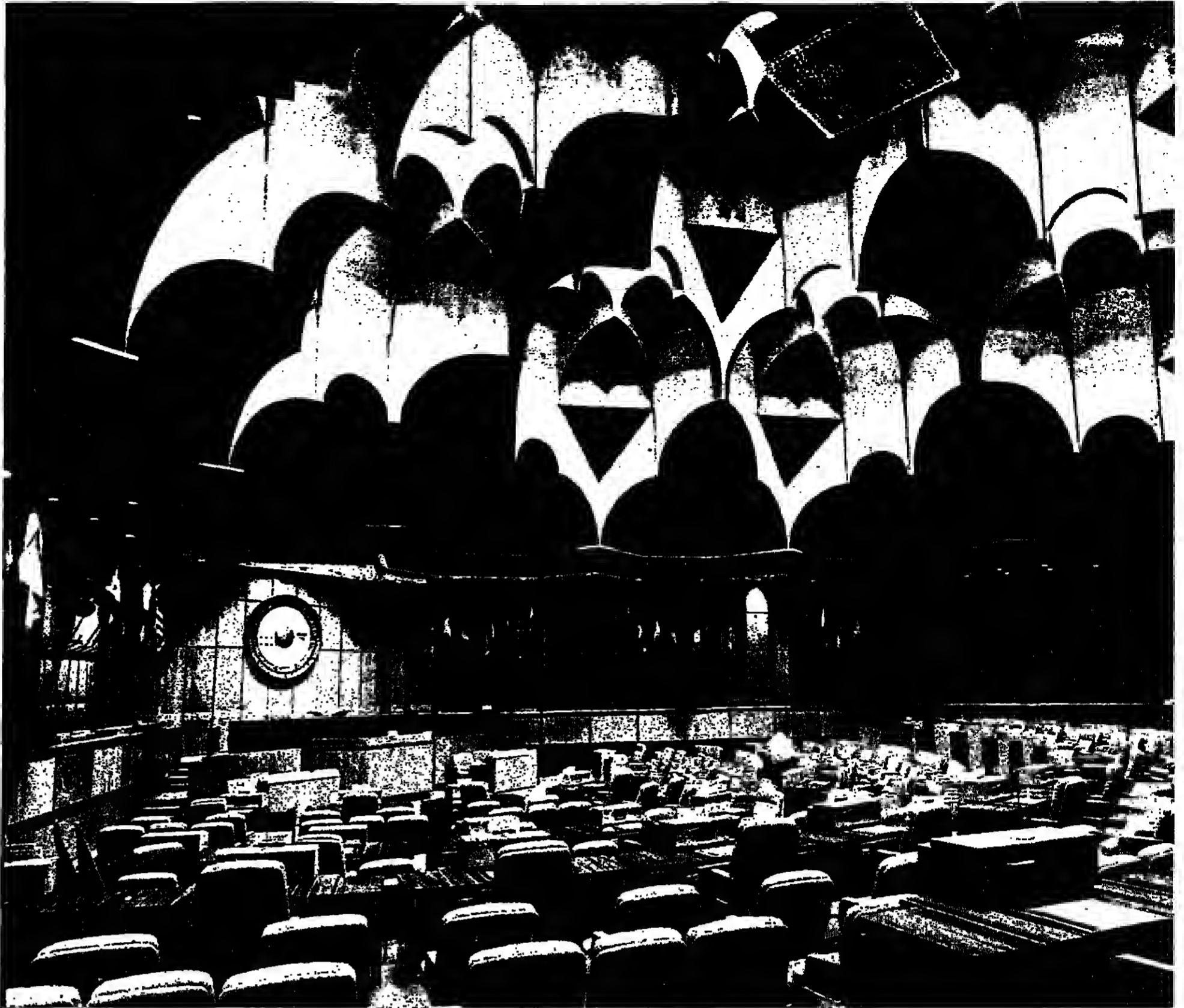
over population, inflation, shortage of resources or lack of capacity to exploit available ones, and a shaky economic infrastructure. These problems have become compounded due to the recent global economic recession. Nevertheless, OIC member states have shown firm resolve and determination to overcome these impediments and shown remarkable progress in economic cooperation in the short history of the OIC.

For proper planning and coordination of their economic activities and to attain the goals set for by the OIC in the economic field, a requisite organizational set-up had to be evolved. The beginnings were made at the second summit when a committee of representatives and experts from eight countries was created to develop recommendations for a framework of economic and cultural cooperation. The Committee was later replaced by the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs originally composed of 18 member states, but subsequently expanded to include all OIC members. The commission held its first session in Karachi in 1977 and since then meets regularly twice a year. It exercises the role of supervision, coordination and review of the fields assigned to it, follows up implementation of projects agreed upon and submits fresh proposals to the annual foreign ministers conferences.

A major step taken by the OIC to forge economic links was the conclusion of the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia had taken the lead in mooted this idea and prepared a draft in 1975 which two years later was adopted in the form of a general agreement. This accord covers a wide field of economic activity and reflects the aspirations of the Islamic countries to exert all their efforts, in the context of their economic and technical cooperation, to reach their goals collectively or through bilateral and multilateral activities. The general agreement provides for transfer of capital and investment, establishment of joint ventures, maximum potential for utilization of food production and development of expertise and technology through research, study and training. It also seeks to liberalize trade and coordinate trade policies, removal of customs and tariffs restrictions and holding of trade fairs and exhibitions to develop commercial ties among OIC members. In short, the general agreement is the basis for developing and furthering all forms of cooperation in the economic, commercial and technical fields.

In order to give practical shape to the various forms of economic cooperation envisaged by the OIC, a number of specialized groups dealing with various sectors were set up to make in-depth studies and come up with practical and concrete proposals. These include the expert groups on trade, planning and development, communications including shipping and civil aviation, investment and reinvestment, food security and joint ventures. Many of the recommendations of these experts already have been shaped into feasible proposals and some of them are expected to be submitted to the third Islamic summit for adoption.

Thus, it is evident that within a relatively short span, the Organization of Islamic Conference has succeeded in evolving a fairly organized framework to give practical shape to economic cooperation ventures. In recent years several specialized agencies have been set up for information gathering, data collection and preparing specialized studies.

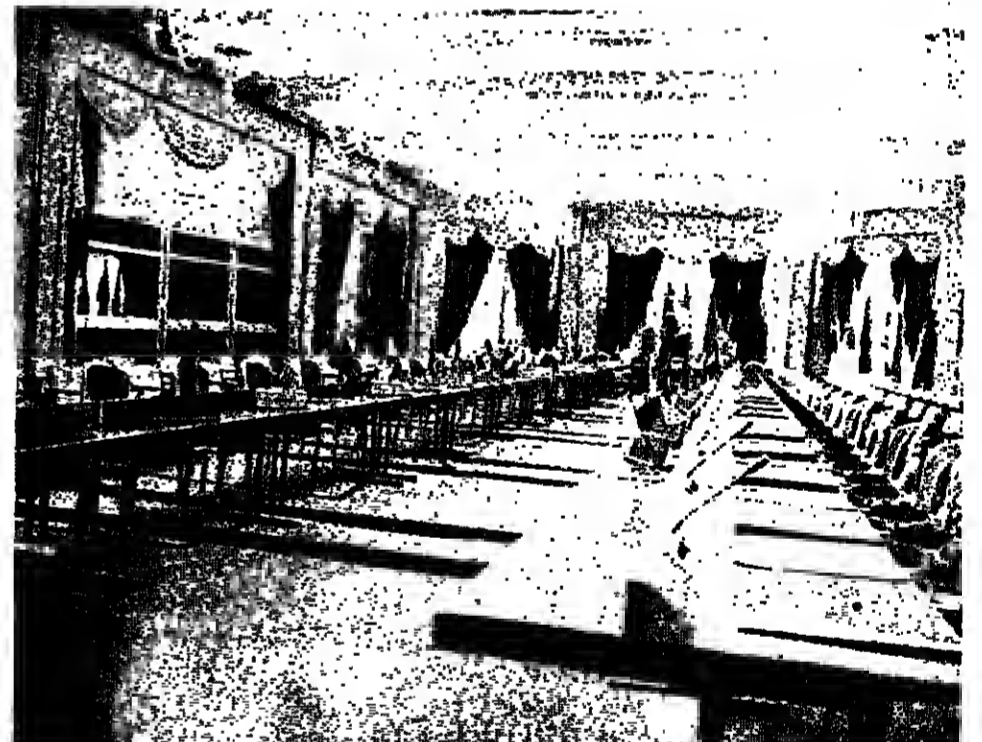


PLENARY HALL: where delegates will discuss issues concerning the Arab world

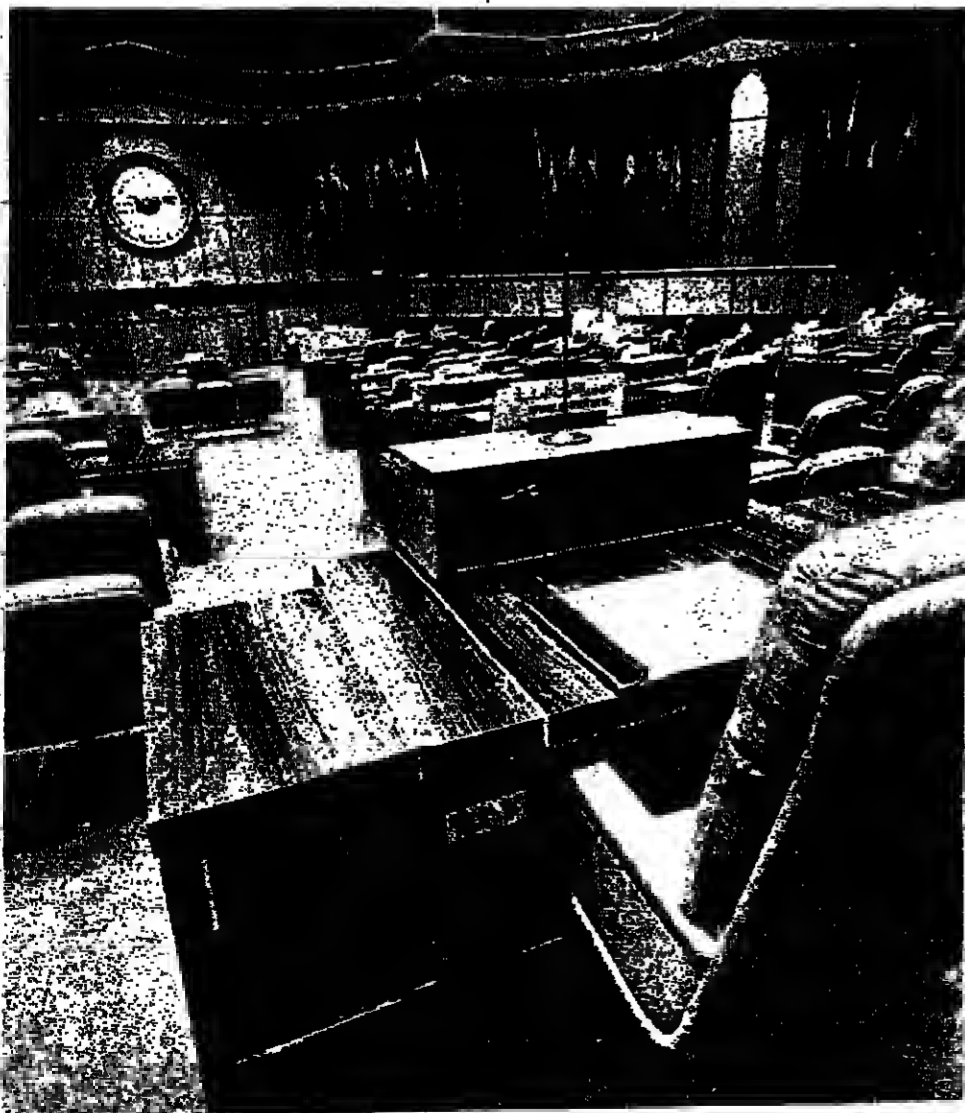
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TESTING THE EQUIPMENT: A Saudi engineer is seen here testing the highly advanced equipment supplied by the French firms Sonetech and Telephones Automatiques under the aegis of Saudi-Oger to cover the Third Islamic Summit. Overlooking the plenary hall is a complete television studio, apart from the transmission and recording control room mainly for interpretation purposes.



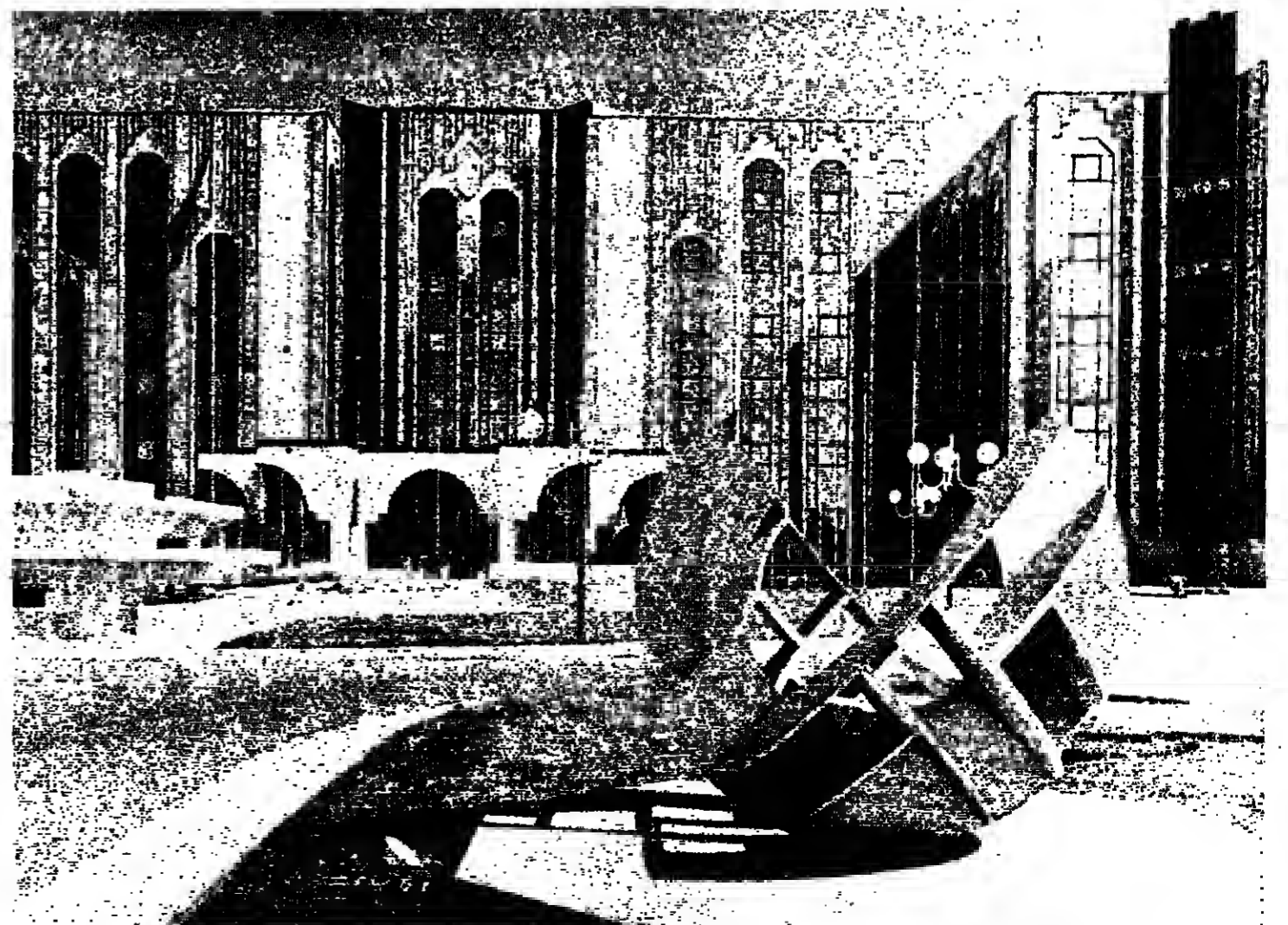
DELIBERATING ROOMS One of six committee rooms at the main building of the Third Islamic Summit in Taif. There are seats for 41 chief delegates at each committee room and two delegation members behind each of them.



ENSURING COMFORT: Delegates to the Third Islamic Summit in Taif will be viewing their colleagues taking the floor on these television closed-circuit screens to avoid turning left and right. The two buttons under the sharp microphone are used to take the floor or turn off the transmission. The two other knobs on the left of the leather armchairs are for selecting the language channel most convenient to the delegate.



FOLLOWING THE DEBATES: View from one of the two observers' rooms at the first floor of the plenary session hall of the Third Islamic Summit in Taif. There are two such rooms at the hall's level and two others on the first floor, along with a TV studio and interpreters' booths. Each observers room can accommodate 50 persons provided with advanced equipment to listen to the interpretation in Arabic, English and French, the three working languages.



SUMMIT PREPARATIONS: The building that will house the Third Islamic Summit near the Guest Palace in Taif was built in nine months by Saudi-Oger with French expertise. It comprises a conference hall at the royal floor, six committee rooms and a plenary hall that can accommodate 47 delegations of six persons each and 200 observers.

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Your Individual Horoscope Frances Drake FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Enjoy a movie or a concert with a loved one. Good news from a distance. A close ally now understands your viewpoint. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A friendly disposition aids you in monetary dealings with others. A partner surprises you in a nice way. Enjoy romance. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You should be pleased with your love life. Stars favor close ties, so if you are not happy, take the initiative. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A co-worker may invite you over. New inspiration aids you in creative work projects. Children are helpful. Health improves. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Plan to go out and do something special. Feelings deepen in a romantic situation. Hobbies are fun. Enjoy togetherness. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Add a decorative touch to the home. Shopping trips are favored. Having others visit should be most pleasant. Enjoy home life. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Good news makes you happy. Your warmth attracts new admirers. Creativity receives new inspiration. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The purchase of art objects is favored. You may receive a special gift from a loved one. Look into auctions and rummage sales. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You'll feel appreciated by others now. A warm and friendly disposition attracts admirers. Concentrate on your appearance. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Take time to enjoy private and special moments with a loved one. The possibility of an unexpected visit is strong. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Social life leads to new romantic introductions. Accept invitations for parties. You're also able to further your career. PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) You'll enjoy the favor of higher-ups. Business and pleasure mix favorably. A good time to mix with others socially. Enjoy yourself.

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## Iran warns Reagan Settlement under Carter improbable



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TEHRAN, Jan. 3 (AP) — Tehran radio said Saturday it seemed "totally improbable" the hostages will be freed under U.S. President Carter, again threatened spy trials and warned the "Zionist clique of Reagan" unless the President-elect comes up with a solution now "he would making a great mistake."

"It does not make any difference whether the problem is solved during the Carter-Democratic Party administration — which seems totally improbable — or during the term of office of the next Ronald Reagan-Republican Party government. If the Democratic Party wants to leave this cursed legacy for the Reagan administration, the basic issue would remain the same," the broadcast said as the 52 Americans spent their 427th day in captivity.

"The U.S.A. is obliged to solve this problem," the radio said. "Naturally the problem will be solved only if — Western wishful thinking to one side — the U.S.A. were to accept Iran's proposals. If the U.S.A. thinks that Iran will show more lenience in the matter, it is greatly mistaken. It would be better for us not to embark on a dangerous experiment. In such an event the U.S.A. would witness the trial of the American hostages and the disgrace of the imperialist policies in the region and in Iran."

The radio said because Carter lost to Reagan in the U.S. election "he deems it unnecessary to haggle for the freedom of the hostages but would rather that the problem that has defeated him burden Reagan also... "What can be forecast is that by Jan. 20, when the Carter administration vacates the White House for the Zionist clique of Reagan, the issue of the hostages will remain as it is now, at an impasse. The Reagan administration would then have to find a solution to it, at the beginning of its term."

"But, if Reagan does not think up something for the issue right now, and relies on the wishful thinking that the Iranian government might show more leniency, he would be making a great mistake."

The U.S. government informed Iran this week that Jan. 16 — four days before inauguration day — was the last practical day for reaching a settlement with Carter, officials in Washington said.

They stressed, however, that the administration actually would need more time than that to begin shifting Iranian bank assets and to carry out other aspects of a settlement. State Department spokesman John H. Trotter said Reagan and his aides had indicated several times "they would accept any arrangements agreed to by this administration before they take office."

However, Reagan presumably could decide to scrap the current proposals if an agreement is not concluded by inauguration day. The president-elect told reporters who asked him about the Jan. 16 advisory Carter sent to the Iranians. "I think the idea of a deadline is a good one."

## Iraq accused of torture

BEIRUT, Jan. 3 (AP) — Iran charged anew on Saturday that Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Jawad Baqir Tongdyan was physically tortured in Iraqi captivity to an extent that his spleen had to be removed.

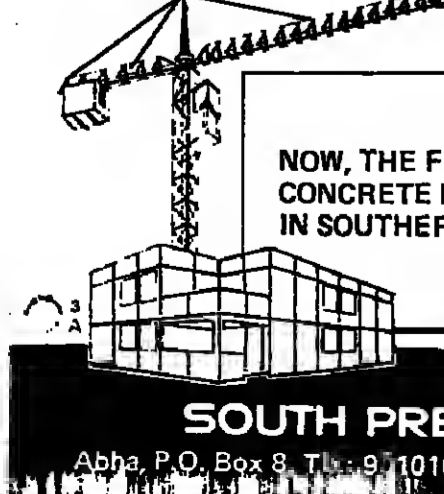
The new accusation was made by the secretary of Iran's acting oil minister, who was not identified by name. His statement in Tehran was reported by the official Pars news agency. "Most probably his spleen has suffered as a result of torture and mistreatment, and had to be removed," the secretary was quoted as saying.

He was answering a question about an Iraqi newspaper report that the 32-year-old Tongdyan underwent surgery shortly after he was captured by Iraqi troops near the embattled Iranian oil refining city of Abadan on Oct. 31.

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NEW OFFER: Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, left, shakes hands with Algeria's ambassador to Iran Abdelhakim Gherib as Algerian intermediaries left the State Department in Washington Tuesday. The Algerian took a new offer for Iran for the release of hostages. Algeria's ambassador to the U.S., Reida Malek, is second from left.

## Tough decisions with Soviets Reagan to decide on grain embargo

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (R) — The incoming Reagan administration will face some tough decisions on the future of agricultural trade with the Soviet Union, in particular whether to end the grain embargo.

The partial embargo was imposed a year ago in retaliation for the Soviet invasion in Afghanistan and President-elect Ronald Reagan has to decide whether to lift it if Soviet troops remain massed on the Polish border.

President Carter reaffirmed the restrictions this week, extending the embargo through 1981.

Reagan and agriculture secretary-designate John Block have promised to re-examine the embargo after taking office on January 20, with a view to lifting it. Both have criticized the embargo for hurting American farmers more than the Russians.

But Block said recently that the curbs

would end in the right circumstances and indicated that they would remain if Soviet troops invaded Poland.

With U.S. supplies tight because of the summer drought, Block said he no longer favored allowing the Russians to take more foodgrains than those already bought for the final year of the grain pact between the two nations.

The economic sanctions against the Russians, announced last January 4, included an embargo on 17 million tonnes of grain for shipment last year and a ban on sales of various other farm products.

But Carter decided to honor the minimum terms of the agreement with the Russians which provided for eight million tonnes of U.S. grain in each of the fourth and fifth years of the pact that will expire in September.

U.S. agriculture department and grain trade officials predicted that a new grain

agreement with the Russians would be closely linked to foreign policy considerations, and possibly to any new strategic arms limitation talks.

The officials agreed that U.S. agricultural exports would increasingly be tied to international developments, especially in view of Block's recent statements on using food as a weapon.

One agriculture department official, Thomas Taylor, said the embargo might well foreshadow increased government use of food as a weapon.

He said the embargo was a greater success from a foreign policy point of view rather than from an economic one.

"The Soviet economy has not been brought to its knees," he said, noting that the Kremlin had been denied only modest amounts of grain.



THE SKULL OF PRE-HUMAN: This is the skull of an anthropoid, Ramphithecus, discovered Dec. 1 in the Chinese province of Yunnan. China's news agency Xinhua says scientists believe the pre-human skull dates back to some eight million years.

## Binaisa, wife flee country

KAMPALA, Jan. 3 (AP) — Former Uganda President Godfrey Binaisa and his wife Irene have fled the country and are believed to be in neighboring Kenya, according to a source close to the couple.

The ex-president and his wife, released last month from house arrest by newly elected president Milton Obote, fled the country because they felt they were not safe, here, the source said. A servant at the house said the couple had left Dec. 26. But that he did not know their destination. Binaisa's 88-year-old father, would say only, "Godfrey is all right. He has gone with his family to relax somewhere."

Binaisa replaced Prof. Yusuf Lule as president of Uganda in June 1978 when Lule was voted out of office by the interim parliament, the National Consultative Council. He was toppled from office by the then ruling military commission last May and placed under house arrest.

When Obote assumed power after the recent general elections he released Binaisa as the first act of his new "policy of reconciliation." Meanwhile, Uganda's Information Minister David Anyonfi lashed out Friday at local and foreign journalists who wrote stories criticizing his government. Anyonfi said a number of local journalists and foreign-based correspondents without visas to enter Uganda were still in detention.

## Walesa hints at action if Russia intervenes

TOKYO, Jan. 3 (Agencies) — Lech Walesa, the leader of Poland's independent trade union movement, hinted that Poles would resist if the Soviet Union intervened in their nation, the Japanese news agency Kyodo reported.

In a dispatch from Warsaw Friday, Kyodo quoted Walesa as saying, "We would be ready to act in such a way we would not be criticized by the world as cowards" if Soviet or Warsaw pact forces moved across Polish borders to quell social unrest. But Kyodo also quoted Walesa as saying he did not believe the Soviets would intervene.

Kyodo said Walesa commented Wednesday during a meeting with Japanese reporters at the headquarters of the union Solidarity in the Baltic port of Gdansk.

Meanwhile, the semi-official daily *Zygie Warszawy*, in a series of bluntly worded articles by outside commentators, called for more open government by the Communist Party and the sacking incompetent officials.

The articles appeared a day after the Soviet news agency Tass said "anti-socialist forces" in Poland were trying to use the new independent trade unions to create a political opposition. The Soviet warning appeared aimed at keeping up the pressure on Poland's Communist leaders and reminding the new unions not to challenge the party's monopoly of power.

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## Diouf may order early elections

DAKAR, Jan. 3 (AFP) — Senegal's new President Abdou Diouf could be preparing the ground for early elections following indications Thursday, the day he was sworn in to replace Leopold Senghor, that the west African state was to open the doors to new political parties.

Informed circles here believed that Diouf will change the law which now limits the number of parties and get the electoral law modified accordingly. There has been speculation that a former electoral law will give the winning party an automatic working majority in the assembly and may help Diouf's party.

The new president's inaugural speech seems to have been well received by people of Dakar and both business and diplomatic circles, some of whom had feared that a period of unrest would follow Senghor's resignation, were reassured by the choice of Diouf's Prime Minister, Habib Thiam.

In the other end of the political spectrum Sheikh Anta Diol, leader of the banned National Democratic Rally, described as positive a speech yesterday by supreme court chairman Keba Mbaye calling for a broadening of political life within the country.

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## Good Morning

By Jihad Khazas

Decades seem to arrange themselves under certain headings: most convenient for us journalists.

In the West, the Forties divided themselves neatly between 'years of destruction' and 'years of construction'. Up to 1945, Europe did its best to level itself to the ground. From then to 1950 it went on to rebuild itself.

The Fifties were the years of the 'Angry Young Men', who thought their elders had betrayed the world to two of the most destructive conflicts seen by man. Then these same young men, having mellowed, became themselves the rulers — and what do you know? Wars all over the place, firstly and foremostly the war in Vietnam.

The Sixties also were the years in which some nations of the West, notably the reticent British, seemed to discover sex. Then came the Seventies which could be called the 'Years of Number One', of selfishness, of the "me" generation. And now the Eighties, and already one could say they will be known as the 'Lean Years'.

In the case of the Arab world, the decades could be seen to start with the catastrophe of the Forties, in which most of Palestine was lost, and then go down all the way. For the Fifties brought the series of military coups which sufficed out what little freedom we enjoyed. Then came the Sixties in which we lost what remained of Palestine. Then the Seventies which seemed to augur well with the October War, only to show its true nature a short while later, with the Arabs divided and weakened as never before, and with their major power, Egypt, signing its separate peace with the Israelis.

As for the Eighties, it has already shown its hand, and a frightening one it seems to be: The Iraqi-Iranian war is already in its fourth destructive month, with no end in sight.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awsat

## Namibia meet may be put off

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 3 (AP) — Radio Mozambique said Friday night that a meeting planned for Luanda, Angola, Saturday to discuss southwest Africa may be called off because of transport problems.

The radio report monitored here, quoted official sources in Tanzania as saying they doubted if the delegations could reach Luanda in time for the meeting. Representatives of six black African nations were to convene in the Angolan capital to formulate a joint strategy for next week's United Nations-sponsored peace talks on the guerrilla war in southwest Africa. The countries have observer status at the talks.

The report said that if officials of the six nations are unable to meet in Luanda as planned, they will confer in Geneva when the U.N.-sponsored conference gets under way there, Wednesday.

Southwest Africa, also known by its local name of Namibia, is a former German colony whose political status has been in limbo since World War I. Wedged between Angola and South Africa, it has barely a million inhabitants and vast vistas of desert. But it is rich in minerals such as diamonds, zinc, copper, lead, tin and uranium. Rossing Uranium, the biggest uranium mine in the world, is located there.

Namibia became a spoil of the World War I after South Africa invaded it and captured the Kaiser's German garrison in 1915. The old League of Nations gave it a mandate to administer the territory in 1920.

The African States — Angola, Mozambique, Zambia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Tanzania — support the week-long peace talks, to be held in Geneva beginning Wednesday.

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